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REPORTER

Six key lawmakers from the ruling Democratic Party of Japan are set to meet today with CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitia and Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho on Saipan on a proposal to relocate up to 4,000 troops from the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma in Okinawa to Tinian.

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## \$60K discrepancy in use of LibDay funds in 2009

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A financial report highlighting the expenditures in last year's Liberation Day festivities shows a discrepancy of some \$60,000, according to 2010 Liberation Day chair Jonas Barcinas.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and Barcinas recently turned in the report, which detailed the



Barcinas

discrepancy, to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation.

Last year's Liberation Day festivities was handled by then mayor Juan B. Tudela and the committee assigned in 2009. The issue of unaccounted expenses was the main reason why the delegation is hesitant to provide funding for the new mayor.

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### 'THANK YOU'

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated left, joins Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, seated second from right, other officials and child care providers right after he signed a proclamation on Thursday declaring May 7 Provider Appreciation Day. Inos said child care providers' services are a worthy commitment to the CNMI children's future.

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## 6 Saipan villages face water shortage in next 3 months

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Six villages on the island are expected to experience a water shortage in the next three months, starting this Monday, May 10, due to the re-sealing of the one-mil-

lion gallon tank on Capital Hill.

The water shortage—affecting Capital Hill, Chalan Galaide, Wireless Ridge, Talafofo, Tapochau and I Denni areas—will last until Aug. 10, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday.

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## Local

## Aaron Tomokane wins Congressional Art Competition



WASHINGTON, D.C.— Aaron Tomokane is this year's winner of the Congressional Art Competition for the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP)

*Roots*, the winning entry in this year's Congressional Art Competition, is the work of Aaron Tomokane, son of Frank and Anicia Tomokane. Aaron's work was selected by a panel of local artists for display at the U.S. Capitol, along with one piece of art from each of the nation's 441 congressional districts.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF DELEGATE KILILI SABLAN

announced Thursday. Tomokane's work will be displayed over the coming year at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

A panel of local artists scored Tomokane's work highest among the 24 original art submissions by Marianas high school students.

"Aaron Tomokane's ink and pencil drawing, entitled *Roots*, is very distinctive and will certainly stand out among all the other art displayed in the Capitol over the coming year," Sablan said.

Tomokane is a student at Kagman High School, where

his art teacher is Peter Aldan. Tomokane is the son of Frank and Anicia Tomokane.

The Congressional Art Competition recognizes the outstanding artwork of one student from each of the nation's 441 congressional districts. The art is displayed in the walkway that connects the Cannon House Office Building to the U.S. Capitol, where congressional members, staff, and visitors walk every day.

"I hope this competition will encourage our students in the CNMI to engage in creative visual arts," Sablan said. "And I am happy that the number of entries increased this year."

Sablan chose "*Embracing Our Values and Our Future.... Para I Tao'Tao Marianas/ Nga'liir Aramasal Marianas*" as this year's theme for the competition. "I hoped the artwork would express the values and

traditions that our elders pass on to future generations," Sablan said.

"Aaron's *Roots* certainly says a lot about our culture with its depiction of ancient sailors and fishermen, La Sirena and Taga, all being recalled and passed along in conversation around a campfire."

The Congressional Arts Competition is open to high school students grades 9 through 12. Since the competition's inception in 1982, more than 650,000 students have competed for the honor of having their work exhibited. Last year's winner for the Northern Mariana Islands Congressional District was Rosanna L. Camacho.

This year's entries from the Northern Mariana Islands can be seen on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=210465&id=15342391263&l=b890811161>. (PR)

## NMC aiming to become the CNMI's testing hub

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For nearly 20 years, students and professionals in the CNMI have looked to the Northern Marianas College for their educational and professional needs.

Recently, a total of 163 examinees showed up at college to take the Praxis 1 and 2 tests for English language arts, literature, social studies, math, school guidance and counseling, and reading, among others. Praxis is among the three requirements for a teacher to be deemed highly qualified.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that all national examinations at NMC are coordinated by the NMC Career Center, which administers an average of 25 to 30 examinations every year.

"We do our very best to ensure that all our supervisors and proctors are well versed in the proper rules and procedures of the test they are overseeing," said Annie Santos, Career Services test center supervisor. "We hope to give test takers as pleasant an examination time as possible."

NMC has been the sole certified administrator of a variety of national examinations in the CNMI for nearly 20 years.

Other examinations administered at the college are the Law School Admission Test, the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination, the SAT, the ACT, Secondary School Admission Test, testing for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration, Hemodialysis Technician Certification, the American Board

of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners, the Neurology Technician Certification, and the Graduate Record Examinations.

The most frequently conducted exams at the college include the Standard-based Assessment Test for high school students and the Praxis.

Currently, students from Japan and Korea that are required to take the Law School Admission Test and Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination on U.S. soil can take the exams at NMC.

"Staff at the NMC Career Services have been doing an exceptional job of administering tests to the community in a professional and courteous manner," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, adding she's confident in their ability to ensure that they keep NMC's standards high.

The Career Center also proctors examinations for students taking online courses offered by outside postsecondary educational institutions.

The Career Center's test site supervisor is responsible for training test room supervisors and assists in processing required documents for submission to the Educational Testing Services.

NMC said that a top priority for the test center is the confidentiality of test-takers. All test room supervisors and proctors are trained and closely monitored to ensure that privacy is maintained with regards to scores and results. All test-takers must present the necessary documents and proper identification before taking any test.

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## Decision in NMC consultant's 'overbilled' contract on hold

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents deferred its action on Cabot Mantanona billing the college an excess of over \$24,000 for additional services it rendered in the suspension and eventual firing of former NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

Board chair Janet Han King said the matter was referred to the board's fiscal affairs committee for further deliberation and review.

The board went into an hour-long executive session during its special meeting Thursday, solely to discuss the billing from the Guam-based law firm.

King said that members have raised some questions on the statement of accounts sent to NMC on April 30.

Cabot Mantanona signed a \$25,000 contract with the college primarily to handle the Fernandez issue. However, it sent the college a \$49,557 billing by the end of April, apparently because of work done beyond the contract's original scope of work.

NMC regents were initially reluctant to pay for the extra charge outside of the contract approved by the board and concurred by the Attorney General's Office.

King told *Saipan Tribune* that no go-signal to continue was provided to the law firm either

by the interim president or any of the board members.

"Me, personally... I can't make that decision. The decision has to rest with the full on board," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

King said the committee is

expected to come up with a recommendation if the college will pay the excess billing or not.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the fiscal affairs committee will ask Cabot Mantanona to justify in writing how it came up with

the "excess" amount. It was also learned that the \$25,000 original fee has already been paid to the firm.

Cabot Mantanona's original contract was signed on Feb. 25 indicating \$175 per hour rate for the preparation of documents and professional services—for a total obligation not to exceed

\$25,000.

Fernandez's case was considered resolved after the board decided to terminate her on April 12, exactly three months after her suspension.

The law firm's new billing was dated April 30, the same date it submitted a proposal to amend the original contract.

## 2 cops implicated in Aldan's missing gun

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Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman ordered the Office of the Attorney General yesterday to subpoena two police officers in connection with the search for a handgun that Vicente T. Aldan has failed to surrender.

Wiseman determined at the outset of the hearing that Aldan's handgun in question had not been surrendered to the CNMI government.

Aldan testified yesterday in the government's motion asking him to explain why he should not be held in contempt for not surrendering the gun as the court had ordered on Nov. 3, 2009.

Aldan told the court he doesn't know the whereabouts of the gun and implicated two police officers who may be aware about it.

Wiseman ordered the Office of the Attorney General to subpoena the officers to testify at the next hearing on May 12, 2010 at 10:30pm.

The judge directed assistant attorney general Elchonon Golob to oversee the prompt and effective dispatch of the subpoenas and have them served.

Joaquin Torres, counsel for Aldan, told *Saipan Tribune* that their position is that Aldan had already fulfilled his

duties and obligations as required in the court-approved plea agreement.

In his previous order that granted Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham's motion to withdraw the motion to vacate the plea agreement in Aldan's case, Wiseman expressed

that his main concern is taking Aldan's gun off the streets.

"The gun in question here is a potential danger to the community and it is the duty of this court to do whatever it can under the law to protect the public's rights in this regard," said Wiseman.

Wiseman also granted Buck-

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## GDOL launches employment program for Guam's veterans


Guam Department of Labor Director Maria S. Connelley announced yesterday the launch of an employment services program dedicated solely to assisting qualified veterans, primarily disabled veterans and their families. Guam's Disabled Veterans Outreach Program will be integrated into GDOL's One Stop Career Center and led by recently selected DVOP Coordinator, Jackie Nguyen.

Funding for the program was made possible by a \$70,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Office awarded to GDOL in February. The grant also includes specialized training by the National Veterans Training Institute for DVOP to meet its goal of providing Guam's wounded and injured veterans and transitioning service members with the personal-

ized service and employment planning assistance for successful reintegration into the civilian workforce.

DVOP's purpose is to provide direct employment and training-related activities and support services to meet the needs of economically or educationally disadvantaged veterans with barriers to employment. The program's coordinator will also serve as an advocate for veterans' employment and training opportunities with business, industry and community-based organizations.

DVOP will be working with its One Stop Career Center partners to conduct employment workshops for transitioning service members and their spouses, provide guidance on federally-funded workforce development and job placement programs, and support services available to Guam's veterans. (PR)



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# Bordallo visits Guam midshipmen at US Naval Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo made a visit Tuesday to Guam's Midshipmen enrolled at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Seven residents of Guam are cur-

rently enrolled at the USNA in preparation for service as officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. Bordallo viewed noon lunch formation before joining the Midshipmen for lunch in King Hall.

"I always enjoy visiting our sons and daughters from Guam enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland," Bordallo said. "This year, I was excited to see Midshipman Sasai and Midshipman Flynn

join their classmates from Guam and myself for lunch today. The two of them graduated last year from the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island and will soon complete their freshman year,

called plebe year, at the USNA. I urged each of them to continue working hard for their graduation and I look forward to their service as officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps." (PR)



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Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo is joined from left to right by MIDN Kimberly Lizama, MIDN Edilen Obamos, MIDN Ian Sablan Flynn, MIDN Raymond Piana, MIDN Mary Kate Donnell, MIDN Jonathan Jake Tenorio, MIDN Matthew Limtiaco Sasai, and Lieutenant Paul Duenas at the U. S. Naval Academy.

## 'Ice' courier gets six-month home confinement sentence

A man tagged by authorities as a courier for an "ice" trafficking group in Tanapag was sentenced in federal court yesterday to six months of home confinement with electronic monitoring.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge John C. Coughenour also placed Inos F. Germinaro on three years of supervision.

Coughenour ordered Germinaro to pay a \$200 court assessment fee and perform 100 hours of community work

service.

The judge said Germinaro shall submit to substance abuse treatment under the direction of the U.S. Probation Office.

Coughenour also barred Germinaro from entering any poker establishments or poker rooms.

Citing Germinaro's substantial assistance to investigators, Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto recommended a sentence of home confinement with

electronic monitoring with credit for time already served in jail.

Attorney Colin Thompson served as counsel for the defendant.

Germinaro signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government. He pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

According to the plea agreement, from August 2008 through February 2009, Germinaro conspired with Julita Sablan and Roque Norita and others to distribute "ice."

Germinaro was found in possession of 250 milligrams of "ice" on two occasions. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## DISCREPANCY

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Flores said that even though there is a slight unreconciled amount in the report, the report is enough proof that money allocated for the festival was spent in accordance with purposes in 2009.

Both Barcinas and Flores said that they don't want to blame anyone in the discrepancy and that submitting the report is the only way this year's committee can move forward and seek the lawmakers' support.

Liberation Day is the biggest community event every year where thousands of spectators and community members joined in the month-long celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base from June 4 to July 4.

Barcinas said yesterday that it took them a while to submit the report because of the difficulty in gathering all needed receipts and documentation

from last year's organizers.

In 2009, Liberation Day was appropriated over \$100,000. This year Flores and the committee is proposing \$45,000 for the same activity.

"We already submitted to the delegation the 2009 report and as far as I know... it's now a closed case," Flores told *Saipan Tribune*.

He appealed to the delegation to provide the needed funding as soon as possible to start the construction of the festival booths at the site.

Preparations, he said, will depend on the approval of the appropriation.

"We want to start the construction and building of the booths next week... but in the absence of funding, we cannot meet our planning and schedule. So I asked the delegation if they can expedite the process so we can start on schedule," Flores said.

### 'Less budget, more highlights'

Although they expect a smaller budget

this year, Barcinas said this will not prevent the committee from offering more attractions.

The traditional fireworks display, Liberation Day Queen, games and carnivals, entertainment, and competitions will still be among the offerings at this year's occasion.

Barcinas said 40 booths will be built at the festival site and vendors will be required a \$600 fee for the monthlong festivities.

To generate additional revenue, the committee has decided to print 3,000 tickets for the Liberation Queen event, and has invited casino and bingo operators to the festival.

Barcinas said the committee has already secured the license for the festivities to ensure that all its operation and transaction are valid and legitimate.

Guests and participants in the occasion as well as the selection of the festival's grand marshal are now being finalized, according to Barcinas.

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ingham's motion to order Aldan to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for failing to turn over the gun.

Aldan pleaded guilty to assault. On

Nov. 4, 2009, Wiseman reluctantly accepted the plea agreement and imposed a six-month prison term without parole on the 52-year-old Aldan for assaulting his former wife in July 2009 on Tinian.

The judge ordered the defendant to surrender the firearm used in the commission of the crimes alleged in the charging information.

## SHORTAGE

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"The new water service hours are necessary to allow the contractor to complete the waterproofing of the Capitol Hill million-gallon concrete storage tank," said CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae.

Work is set to begin on May 10 and is projected to end on Aug. 10.

Malae said the sealant will protect the concrete tank and prevent contamination of the water supply in the area.

He advised affected residents to expect shorter water hours during the construction period and apologized for the inconvenience that will be caused by the project.

The tentative water hours for Capitol Hill, Tapochau, and Chalan Galaide are from 6am to 12pm; for the Wireless Ridge, Talafofo, and I Denni areas, 5pm to 6am.

Malae encouraged residents to practice strict water conservation and to teach children and household workers to save water, especially during this period.

He said rainwater catchment systems and water tanks should be cleaned and float valves installed or replaced to en-

sure that water does not overflow from any tanks.

He pointed out that residents must ensure the strict separation of these systems from the main supply.

To date, only 70 percent of CUC water customers enjoy the 24-7 service.

During last month's visit of U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta, he vowed to assist CUC in its future water projects to ensure that 100 percent will have 24/7 water service within two years.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has earlier committed \$6 million this year for water projects.

CUC has 10,000 water customers on island. It has 146 wells, 16 storage tanks and reservoirs, and 18 booster stations.

CUC earlier disclosed it is losing a significant volume of water production for many years, claiming that for every 10 gallons of pumped water, only four to five gallons are being billed while the rest is considered "loss" due to some factors such as "unbilled usage" or stolen amounts and water leaks.

CUC has been under a state of emergency since 2008 due to the poor condition of power, water and waste water services.

## JAPANESE

From Page 1

Two-thirds of land on the CNMI island of Tinian is leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Press secretary Angel Demapan described yesterday the visit of these Japanese lawmakers as a "high-profile" one.

But Demapan said the Fitial administration is firm in its position that any decision to approve or disapprove any relocation of troops to Tinian or any part of the CNMI rests with the U.S. government.

Nevertheless, the CNMI Senate and House of Representatives passed separate resolutions urging the U.S. Department of Defense and Japan to consider Tinian as the best relocation site for up to 4,000 troops from Futenma in Okinawa.

"We are expecting that a discussion surrounding the Futenma relocation will be the primary topic, as well as the potential economic opportunities for the Northern Mariana Islands," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Demapan said the visiting Democratic Party lawmakers include Sen. Kumiko Aihara and Congs. Shoichi Kondo, Hiroshi Kawauchi, Minao Minayoshi, Shinsuke Amiya, and Chobin Zakerann.

This meeting comes about a month

after two members of Japan's Socialist Democratic Party also visited Saipan and Tinian on April 10 and 11.

The Democratic Party and the Socialist Democratic Party, along with the People's New Party, are among the three parties that are part of the ruling coalition in Japan.

The Japanese government has been exploring an alternative to the 2006 Japan-U.S. accord, under which the Futenma base will be transferred by 2014 to a coastal area of Camp Schwab on land that would be reclaimed. This is because of the growing call from the people of Okinawa to reduce U.S. military presence in their area. But the U.S. wants to stick to the 2006 agreement.

The Futenma relocation is part of a broader bilateral agreement on the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan and is linked to the transfer of some 8,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam by 2014.

Besides the CNMI and Guam governors, other local officials will also be attending today's meeting, including Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said yesterday he will also be attending the meeting, representing Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), who will be off island today.

The Japanese lawmakers are also scheduled to visit Tinian this afternoon, and meet with Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and other Tinian officials.



# Govt officials rush to beat deadline for filing financial statements

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REPORTER

At least 85 government officials rushed to beat the May 1 initial deadline set by law to file their 2009 statement of financial interest.

This brought the total number of filers to 274 as of May 1, based on data from the Office of the Public Auditor.

The 85 officials filed their statement of financial interest between April 27 and May 1, compared to 189 who filed theirs on or before April 26.

The total 274 on-time filers represent 71 percent of the 384 elected and ap-

pointed officials, judicial officers and executive department heads or directors who are required to file their 2009 financial statements.

Public Auditor Michael Pai said OPA received 17 more statements of financial interest between May 2 and May 6.

"The remaining 93 individuals have yet to file their statement," Pai told *Saipan Tribune*.

Under 1 CMC §8511 of the Government Ethics Code Act, all elected and appointed CNMI officials, judicial officers, and executive department heads or directors are required to file a state-

ment of financial interest.

The initial deadline to file was May 1, 2010.

"If a certified individual files after the initial deadline, their statement will be considered filed late without penalty," Pai said.

However, failure to file a properly completed and verified statement by May 31, 2010 is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10 per day for periods of delinquency.

"Please note that the Office of the Public Auditor has no authority to make any exceptions to the filing requirements of the Act. OPA strongly urges

all persons required to file a statement to please do so before the May 31st to avoid any penalty fees," Pai added.

If for any reason an individual required to file cannot file their statement of financial interest by May 31, the individual may obtain a 30-day filing extension to June 30, 2010, under 1 CMC § 8515(c).

In order to obtain this extension, the filer must submit a written declaration of their intention to file after the May 31st deadline, but prior to June 30, 2010. This written declaration must be received by OPA by Friday, May 21, 2010.

The written declaration must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$50, payable to the CNMI Treasurer. Free notary service is available at OPA.

The statement of financial interest includes government officials' income, and financial interests in real estate, among other things.

But unlike many other jurisdictions, CNMI law does not make public financial statements. Thus, the assets and liabilities of elected officials are not readily available for public inspection. OPA can only release the documents with consent from the filer.

## Fitial swears in Seman as OPM director

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial swore into office yesterday Isidro Seman as director of the Office of Personnel Management, four days after the Senate confirmed Seman's appointment.

Seman's wife, Julie, held the Bible while Seman took his oath of office at the OPM office in

Garapan.

The OPM director thanked Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and others who supported his nomination.

"And I'm very thankful because I have such a wonderful staff. No director will be good if he doesn't have the support of his staff," Seman said, as government officials, OPM staff and guests filled his office for

the brief ceremony.

The crowd also erupted in laughter when Fitial, after administering the oath of office for Seman, said, "You may now kiss the bride." Seman did kiss his wife twice, as newlyweds usually do.

Also present at the ceremony were first lady Josie Fitial, special assistant for administration Esther Fleming, Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Dr. Ig-

nacio Dela Cruz, press secretary Angel Demapan, Public Lands consultant Felix R. Nogis, and delegate candidate Joseph N.

Camacho.

Seman's appointment and confirmation comes at a time when the Fitial administration



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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, congratulates Isidro Seman, left, right after Seman's swearing-in as director of the Office of Personnel Management at the OPM office in Garapan yesterday. Also in photo is Seman's wife, Julie, who held the Bible while the OPM director took his oath of office.

is reducing the work hours by 10 per pay period of contract or excepted service employees in the Executive Branch as early as next week.

The OPM director said almost 400 notices of work hour cuts, from 80 to 70 per pay period, were issued since middle of March.

During a public hearing on Seman's nomination, Seman told senators that the 19-year-old CNMI compensation law signed in 1991 needs to be revisited amid calls for necessary salary adjustments of government employees.

Public Law 7-31 or the Commonwealth Compensation Adjustment and Salary Act of 1991 was signed on June 19, 1991, implementing across-the-board salary adjustments for government workers.

## Lawmaker wants to amend Open Govt Act to cut 72-hour public notice

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Barely five months after CNMI voters ratified a popular initiative to reapply the Open Government Act to the Legislature, a lawmaker wants the OGA amended yet again.

Rep. Rafael S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said he wants to amend the Open Government Act "to ensure that government operations are not unduly burdened" and "not unduly disrupted" by "vexatious requests."

Demapan's bill, introduced on April 27, also seeks to reduce the 72-hour advanced public notice requirement for official government meetings. He wants it reduced to only 24 hours or a day.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) referred the bill to the House Committee

on Judiciary and Governmental Operations chaired by Demapan, who is the bill's author.

Demapan said while the Legislature reaffirms policies underlying the statutory provisions regarding open government meetings and open records, it is crucial that government operations not be unduly burdened or disrupted in complying with the OGA.

He said to the extent possible, this should be accomplished with minimal court involvement in order to preserve scarce public resources.

"Another purpose of these amendments is to reduce the burden on the Commonwealth courts in interpreting the applicability of exceptions to the public inspection rule," he said.

While the OGA does not impose charges for the "mere inspection of records," Demapan's bill seeks to impose charg-

es on the actual costs incurred in redacting information which is exempt from disclosure, including making photocopies of the redacted records for inspection by the requestor."

Public Law 8-41 or the Open Government Act requires government agencies to conduct their meetings openly, to make public records available for inspection, and to respond to requests for information within 10 days. Government agencies can charge a reasonable fee for copying requested documents.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE  
MATTER OF THE  
PETITION FOR  
THE CHANGE  
OF NAME OF

SEPHORA  
SINGA,  
Petitioner.

FCD CN  
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No.  
10-0228

NOTICE  
OF  
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 01, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2010.

/s/ Bernadita Sablan  
Clerk of Court

## Boise State student from Saipan earns scholarship

Nicole Sonia Deleon Guerrero Castro, a Boise State University junior majoring in biology with a human biology emphasis, was awarded the Community and Environmental Health Department Scholarship from the College of Health Sciences for the 2010-11 academic year.

The College of Health Sciences is dedicated to providing programs of educational excellence for present and future health professionals.

Castro, of Saipan, is the daughter of Luis T. and Margarita G. Castro. She was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in 2009 and

the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi in 2010.

Castro currently works for the Boise State Math Department and as a private math tutor. She is a 2008 Marianas Baptist Academy graduate.

Boise State is Idaho's metropolitan university, located in the states population center and capital city. The university offers a variety of undergraduate, graduate and technical programs in seven colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Graduate Studies, Health Sciences, and Social Sciences and Public Affairs. (PR)

### BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION'S UTILITY RATES

DOCKETS 09-1, 09-2 & 10-1

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2010, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing at the conference room of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, located on the first floor of the Family Building, Garapan Street, Garapan to receive evidence, argument, discussion and public comment on the following regulatory matters concerning the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC].

##### 1. Docket 10-1: CUC petition for rate relief.

The Commission will examine CUC's April 1, 2010 amended petition for rate relief, which requests that effective on or about June 21, 2010 [the effective date] its water service fees and metered rates per 1,000 gallons for all customer classes be increased by 3 percent. In its amended petition, CUC also requests that: a) its wastewater monthly service fee for all customer classes be established and increased on the effective date from \$8.20 to \$15.99 and then on October 1, 2010 to \$21.59; b) its residential and commercial metered rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater service be increased on the effective date from \$1.37 to \$2.67 and on then on October 1, 2010 to \$3.61; and that c) its government metered rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater service be increased on the effective date from \$30.00 to \$59.00 and then on October 1, 2010 to \$80.00. CUC asserts that these increases are just, reasonable and necessary to enable it to comply with: a) the statutory mandate that it bill and collect adequate rate revenue to recover the costs associated with the operation and delivery of service, including financial reserves and b) the requirements of the Federal Stipulated Order dated March 11, 2009, in USA v. CUC and CNMI.

In its amended petition, CUC also requests that the Commission approve: a) a credit card convenience fee of 2.1% for customers who pay their utility bills with Visa or MasterCard and a fee of 3.7% for customers who pay their bills with American Express; and b) a standby charge of \$5 per kW for CUC commercial customers, which are connected to the CUC electric grid and who regularly generate some portion of their own electricity needs. CUC's amended petition is supported by testimony and documentary evidence, which is available for public review at the Chamber's office and also on-line at the Chamber's website [www.saipanchamber.com] under Public Utilities, Docket 10-01.

The Commission tasked its independent regulatory consultant [Georgetown] to investigate, review and submit testimony on CUC's petition. Georgetown's report was filed with the Commission on May 5, 2010 and is also available for public review at both the Chamber's office and website. In its report, Georgetown asserts that: a) no present increase in CUC water rates is necessary; b) the staggered wastewater rate increases sought by CUC should be frontloaded and implemented on the effective date; c) a flat charge of \$40 per month should be established for unmetered residential water service and a flat rate of \$204 per month be established for unmetered commercial water service; and d) a residential and commercial monthly wastewater service fee of \$18.72 should be implemented on the effective date; and e) CUC's wastewater tariff should be redesigned.

##### 2. Docket 09-1: CUC Electric Division. LEAC Rate and collateral matters.

Pursuant to a tariff [levelized energy adjustment clause] established on December 19, 2008 by Commission order, the Commission reviews and approves the semi-annual rate, which CUC is authorized to charge its electric customers in order to recover its projected fuel and related expenses during the period. On May 5, 2010, CUC and Georgetown filed a joint report and recommendation that for the period June 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, the current LEAC rate of \$0.20147 cents per kWh be increased to \$0.27634 cents per kWh. The proposed increase would increase the average monthly residential electric bill [1,000 kWh per month] by approximately 36 percent. This joint report also reconciles projected versus actual fuel expenses incurred by CUC in prior LEAC periods and recommends appropriate adjustments in order to keep LEAC charges revenue neutral. The May 5, 2010 joint CUC/Georgetown LEAC report is available for public inspection at the Chamber's office and at its website under Public Utilities - Docket 09-1. At the public hearing, the Commission will also consider CUC's April 1, 2010 petition for reconsideration of the Commission's September 3, 2009 order regarding regulatory conditions for approval of the CUC-CDA Preferred Stock Agreement, as further discussed in said order.

##### 3. Docket 09-2: CUC - Water and Wastewater Divisions.

On January 31, 2010, CUC petitioned the Commission for approval of certain elements of a proposed settlement agreement between CUC, Guam Pacific Power Corporation and CPPC Construction. On May 5, 2010, Georgetown issued a report, in which it expressed serious reservations about certain elements of the transaction. The parties will be requested to brief the Commission on this regulatory matter at the public hearing.

THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE at the May 21, 2010 public hearing and will welcome public comments at the conclusion of the hearing. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) should on or before May 14, 2010 file with the Commission at the Chamber's office an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). Subsequent to the public hearing, the Commission will schedule, notice and conduct a special business meeting to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from Commissioner Kyle Calabrese at 670-233-7150.



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## The silent scandal

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U.N. Secretary-General

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**S**unday is Mothers' Day, not only in the United States but in many other countries. Children of all ages are giving flowers, making breakfast, calling home.

This is as it should be. On my travels around the world, particularly to its poorest and most troubled places, I have learned that it is mothers who keep families together—indeed, who keep whole societies intact. Mothers are society's weavers. They make the world go round. Yet too often, the world is letting mothers down.

Becoming a mother—the rite of passage we celebrate—can carry a terrible burden of fear, anxiety and loss for many women and their families.

Women such as Leonora Pocaterrazas, 21, who not long ago died in childbirth in the mountain village of Columppa Grande, Bolivia, leaving her husband to bring up three other children on his own.

Or Sarah Omega, just 20, who spent 18 hours in labor at a hospital in Kenya. Her baby died. But she survived, despite terrible injuries, determined to speak out so that others would not have to endure the same ordeal. "Life lost its meaning," she told U.S. lawmakers in 2008. Her testimony helped persuade Congress to commit more development aid to maternal health.

These are just two of the very personal stories behind the shocking statistics reported by the United Nations' Population Fund. The figures show the chasm between motherhood here and elsewhere, particularly in the developing world. It is a gap that the United Nations is determined to bridge.

In the rich world, when a mother dies giving birth, we assume that something went wrong. For women in the developing world, by contrast, dying in childbirth is simply a fact of life. In some countries, one woman in eight will die giving birth. Complications from pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death among girls aged 15 to 19 worldwide.

In poor countries, pregnant women must often fend for themselves; they have no health care and nowhere to turn. They may struggle to find proper nutrition and work long hours in factories and fields until the day they go into labor. They give birth at home, perhaps with the help of a midwife who most likely has no medical training.

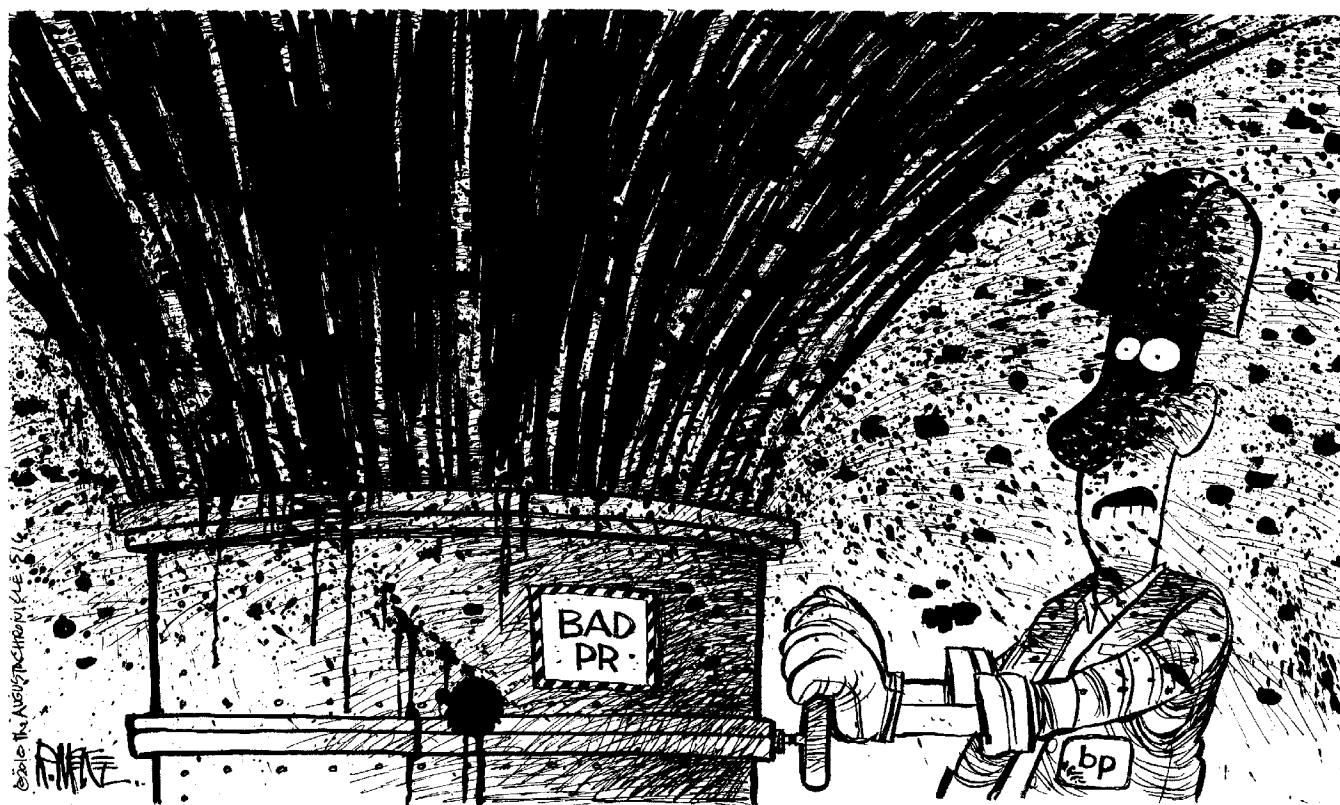
I myself was born at home, in a small village in the Korean countryside. One of my childhood memories is asking my mother about a curious custom. Women who were about to give birth would gaze at their simple rubber shoes, which were kept by the back door.

My mother explained that they were wondering if they would ever step into those shoes again. Giving birth was so risky, they feared for their lives. In the United States itself, just 100 years ago, women were roughly 100 times more likely to die in childbirth than they are today.

We know how to save mothers' lives. Some simple blood tests, a doctor's consultation and someone qualified to help with the birth can make a huge difference. Add some basic antibiotics, blood transfusions and a safe operating room, and the risk of death can almost be eliminated.

Recent figures show that we are making progress in helping women throughout the world. Yet we have very far to go. Every year hundreds of thousands of women die in childbirth, 99 percent of them in developing countries.

See SCANDAL on Next Page



"IT'S TRUE...WE'RE HAVING SOME CONTAINMENT ISSUES...."

## Another battle of Okinawa

**T**he United States is on the verge of permanently damaging its alliance with Japan in a dispute over a military base in Okinawa. This island prefecture hosts three-quarters of all U.S. military facilities in Japan. Washington wants to build one more base there, in an ecologically sensitive area. The Okinawans vehemently oppose it, and tens of thousands gathered last month to protest the base. Tokyo is caught in the middle, and it looks as if Japan's prime minister has just caved in to the U.S. demands.

In the globe-girdling array of overseas military bases that the United States has acquired since World War II—more than 700 in 130 countries—few have a sadder history than those we planted in Okinawa.

In 1945, Japan was of course a defeated enemy and therefore given no say in where and how these bases would be distributed. On the main islands of Japan, we simply took over their military bases. But Okinawa was an independent kingdom until Japan annexed it in 1879, and the Japanese continue to regard it somewhat as the U.S. does Puerto Rico. The island was devastated in the last major battle in the Pacific, and the U.S. simply bulldozed the land it wanted, expropriated villagers or forcibly relocated them to Bolivia.

From 1950 to 1953, the American bases in Okinawa were used to fight the Korean War, and from the 1960s until 1973, they were used during the Vietnam War. Not only did they serve as supply depots and airfields, but the bases were where soldiers went for rest and recreation, creating a subculture of bars, prostitutes and racism. Around several bases fights between black and white American soldiers were so frequent and deadly that separate areas were developed to cater to the two groups.

The U.S. occupation of Japan ended with the peace treaty of 1952, but Okinawa remained a U.S. military colony until 1972. For 20 years, Okinawans were essentially stateless people, not entitled to either Japanese or U.S. passports or civil rights. Even after Japan regained sovereignty over Okinawa, the American military retained control over what occurs on its numerous bases and over Okinawan airspace.

Since 1972, the Japanese government and the American military have colluded in denying Okinawans much say over their future, but this has been slowly changing. In 1995, for example, there were huge

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demonstrations against the bases after two Marines and a sailor were charged with abducting and raping a 12-year-old girl. In 1996, the U.S. agreed that it would be willing to give back Futenma, which is entirely surrounded by the town of Ginowan, but only if the Japanese would build another base to replace it elsewhere on the island.

So was born the Nago option in 1996 (not formalized until 2006, in a U.S.-Japan agreement). Nago is a small fishing village in the northeastern part of Okinawa's main island and the site of a coral reef that is home to the dugong, an endangered marine mammal

similar to Florida's manatee. In order to build a large U.S. Marine base there, a runway would have to be constructed on either pilings or landfill, killing the coral reef. Environmentalists have been protesting ever since, and in early 2010, Nago elected a mayor who ran on a platform of resisting any American base in his town.

Yukio Hatoyama, the Japanese prime minister who came to power in 2009, won partly on a platform that he would ask the United States to relinquish the Futenma Marine Corps Air Station and move its Marines entirely off the island. But on Tuesday, he visited Okinawa, bowed deeply and essentially

*The U.S. has become obsessed with maintaining our empire of military bases, which we cannot afford and which an increasing number of so-called host countries no longer want. I would strongly suggest that the United States climb off its high horse, move the Futenma Marines back to a base in the United States and thank the Okinawans for their 65 years of forbearance.*

asked its residents to suck it up.

I find Hatoyama's behavior craven and despicable, but I deplore even more the U.S. government's arrogance in forcing the Japanese to this deeply humiliating impasse. The U.S. has become obsessed with maintaining our empire of military bases, which we cannot afford and which an increasing number of so-called host countries no longer want. I would strongly suggest that the United States climb off its high horse, move the Futenma Marines back to a base in the United States (such as Camp Pendleton, near where I live) and thank the Okinawans for their 65 years of forbearance.



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# Mango’s May moon over Manila’s Malacañang madness

Right on the walking mall of Nanjing Road in Shanghai is a classy boutique jean-and-denim shop known as Mango, known across China. There is nothing extraordinary about the name. My computer’s maker is Apple, and I am often sent blogs from a site called Lemondrops. Fruity fruits sell for some reason. Mango, however, is a *nom d’amour* of our prolific ex-pat Saipan writer Joe Race whose book *Moon over Manila* was one of the items I grabbed from my bookshelf to peruse on a daylong train ride from Shanghai to Guilin, the famous karst hills of southern China.

One might notice in our title that we are taking a cheap shot at M&Ms, not the kind that melts in your mouth, not in your hands, (though the taste and color may allude to Pinoys) but just an alliteration of Ems. The discerning will expect Macapagal to follow, definitely Marcos, and I will also include the Morong 43 in my narrative, as well as Manny Villar, the rags-to-riches phenom who might after May 10 very well upset the *cordon sanitaire* of Metro Manila’s elite.

Joe *Saipan Mango* Race’s romance-book *Moon Over Manila*, is definitely not for the Jane Austen group; the Erica Jong *Fanny Hill* crowd may actually take umbrage. Perhaps, our ex-cop intended his story to be just racy this side of decency laws. If Mango got a quick education on sex toys in Manila’s *Ongpin* district, he might go return for a commission on the brisk sale that might have followed his book.

Briefly, a gringo professor working in Rizal’s Fort Santiago unearths one of the hero’s notes tucked behind a brick on the wall, and this archaeological dig serves as the backdrop for his masculine virility that found home in the warm nest of a *Pinay* fashion agency model whose previous wanderings has also come to roost in the comfort of the professor’s scrupulous non-archaeological diggings. Walks in a UChicago intern who is not remiss in joining a *ménage a trois* if the other parties would only consent, and did not hesitate to point out the obvious, that when there is movement below it is usually an indication that something was getting up! Not to bowdlerize Baudelaire but Mango’s story would please Hugh Hefner but might be a little too pale for Larry Flynt; it ends up a bit of

a morality play with a lot of heat from a flicker, with a dousing dab of forgiveness in the end. No doubt, the story would have a broad appeal among Saipan’s *Pinoy*s whose motto is: Everyone is single and available in Saipan.

Hey, if you do not understand my summary, buy the book. Support our local writers is what I say. Mango attempts no John Cleland feat, and definitely does not league himself with Paulo Coelho’s erotic mysticism, nor does he aspire to D.H. Lawrence’s earthy lyricism, but he is one of our locals now, and he tells good tales. Pick up one of his outputs at island booksellers; it will tell you of his Web site, the dozen books he has written and that one is only a click away to avail of a copy.

We have no aversion to bawdiness, but our interest is to pick up on the gaudiness of the current M-beams over in Manila. We leave Joe to his next novel (about a real island crime with an informant named *Mabuhay Max*), and mosey on to the Pea Eye elections May 10. The Philippines chooses the next Malacañang resident.

Current occupant, diminutive Gloria Makapagal Arroyo with the crawling midnight husky voice, is confident of a seat in the House of Representatives and aims to be its next Speaker, preferably without First Gentleman Miguel’s assistance! Not to be outdone is the elegantly oxygenated eighty Imeldific Marcos (eat your hearts out, Liz and Sophia) for the House of Representatives, with a long retinue of Romualdez-Marcoses in tow, and coyly dragging out the highly nitrogenated waxen body of the late martial law Manong Macoy in solemn repose for political sympathy purposes.

The military detention of the *Morong 43* health workers is where our goat has been got of late. A meeting on health and medical issues by a conscientious motley crew headed by an MD was raided by a contingent of military personnel on suspicion of subversion and detained on national security reasons with nary an eye on due process. Now they have an international *cause célèbre* in their hands, and the bungling military bureaucracy is at a loss on what to do, let alone, how to save face.

Our petite Makapagal-Arroyo, so thickly adviser-layered, and deeply embroiled in her own political survival, is bereft of any constructive response. My Methodist bishop was a former military

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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chaplain, and your guess of where his sentiments lie is as good as mine. The Catholic bishops, nevertheless, have been unequivocal in their condemnation of this, yet another instance of military extrajudicial behavior.

Shortly before the Philippines’ people power phenomenon, while running a community center in Mactan, a platoon of M-16 toting constabulary descended on our student center with rifles ready to shoot on provocation. They sought me out by name to be accused of harboring subversives and running a commune. I laughed but not loudly since I was trying to refrain from peeing in my pants seeing all the gun barrels pointed at my abdomen. I did stay dry, though weak kneed! It appears that almost two decades later the heavily Uncle Sam-advised Philippine forces remain a continuing democratic contradiction!

Some of my trusted friends call the self-declared frontrunner, Manny Villar, a crook. So, what else is new? A self-made entrepreneur with enough *chutzpah* to know where to move when and with who, write this as a dual citizen, so it comes without apologies. Philippine politics slide on the expedient. The Aquino lovechild Noynoy might yet surprise Villar, with Aquino’s alleged bipolar personality to add to the feel-good advantage in the dog-eat-dog nature of Pea Eye elections.

Mayhap, Mango might focus his next attention on the consequences of this election. He might finally find pulp fiction doused with reality to be healthy to the soul—that of the writer and his audience! Might even sell. As for me and my mouth, I’ll go for the M&Ms.

## Letters to the Editor

# Thank you for your letters

I have great news! Last February you wrote letters to the United States Congress in support of H.R. 3511 to authorize a Mariana Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center in the Northern Mariana Islands. All of your letters and emails were entered into the record and your voice was heard because yesterday the House Natural Resources Committee approved the bill by voice vote. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives.

The Northern Mariana Islands is one step closer to realizing the construction of a Mariana Trench Eco-Discovery Center and Monument Headquarters. There is still work to be done and you will be called upon again, but today should be a day for celebration.

Unfortunately, there is also some bad news. The House Natural Resources Committee also passed Representative Madeleine Bordallo’s H.R. 4493. The Bunitan Tasi bill would place a visitor center and headquarters on Guam, not in the Northern Mariana Islands, and would give Guam a role in managing the marine resources of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Although I am not speaking for them, the Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument testified on both these bills and are opposed to H.R. 4493. The Mariana Trench Marine National Monument does not protect any marine resources within 400 miles of Guam’s shores. The only marine protected area within the monument is contained within the Islands Unit surrounding the islands of Uracas, Maug and Asuncion. Those are waters that belong to the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam should have no role in how they are managed. H.R. 4493 is nothing more than an attempt to impinge on the sovereignty and right to self-government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Furthermore, placing the visitor center and headquarters on Guam would violate the promises made by the United States government to the leaders of the Northern Mariana Islands leading up to the designation of the monument. It would transfer the social and economic benefits of a monument from the Northern Mariana Islands to Guam.

H.R. 4493 also violates Guam Public Law 23-24 which “prohibit(s) the Government of Guam from entering into cooperative agreements with respect to the so-called (Guam National) Wildlife Refuge...and to prohibit the use of Government of Guam resources and personnel in any manner that could be construed as supporting continuous federal holding of such properties.” Guam Public Law should be amended before Bordallo’s bill is entertained.

It is shameful that Representative Bordallo would continue to advocate for H.R. 4493 after scores of people living in the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the mainland United States made her

aware of these issues.

But that is how it goes in a democracy. The fight to bring home the promises of a Mariana Trench Marine National Monument continues. Thank you for all that you have done to bring us to where we are now and don’t be surprised if I ask for your help again in the near future.

**Angelo Villagomez**  
Winter Park, Florida

# Unfair

With all due respect to our guest workers here in the CNMI, in reference to the latest issue from the U.S. Department of the Interior’s reports (recommendation) to U. S. Congress, it has come to my attention raised by our locals who are married to citizens of the Philippines, Bangladesh, Japanese, Koreans, etc...that it is not fair for U.S. Congress to grant automatic U.S. citizenship to those that are currently working in the CNMI seeking for permanent resident status or U.S. citizenship. Their reason is that they paid nearly \$3,000 per family members to get their U.S. passport. If the U.S. Congress is to allow these bases on the recommendation from DOI, then guest workers too must pay the same amount paid by our locals. I do understand that this is a hot issue, but Congress should be fair in their judgment based on the sentiment of our locals alike. As to our guest workers, I understand your quest as we are all human beings, seeking for a greener pasture, and being a U.S. citizens does have its privileges and its benefits.

**Rep. Joseph M. Palacios**  
*Capital Hill, Saipan*

# SCANDAL

*From Page 6*

That is why, as secretary-general, I have spoken out for the needs of mothers and pregnant women at every opportunity. Last month, at the United Nations, we launched a joint action plan with governments, businesses, foundations and civil society organizations to advance this vital cause. I am counting on people around the world to back us in ending this silent scandal.

No woman should have to pay with her life for giving life. On Mothers’ Day, let us honor American mothers—and mothers around the world—by pledging to do everything we can to make motherhood safer for all.

# Clarification

Greetings Angelo: Thank you for alerting everyone to the Natural Resources Committee’s approval of H.R. 3511, my bill authorizing a Mariana Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center in the Northern Mariana Islands. The bill received the unanimous consent of the Committee on Wednesday. Like you, I am very excited to see it moving forward.

Unfortunately your post contained some incorrect news, and I would like to ask you to post a correction.

You reported that the Committee also passed Representative Madeleine Bordallo’s bill H.R. 4493 and that it would place a Monument visitor center and headquarters on Guam, not in the Northern Mariana Islands.

What really happened is that during the Committee meeting, Chairwoman Bordallo offered an amendment to her original bill. The amendment removed language authorizing construction of a facility in Guam for purposes related to the Monument. And the amendment was adopted by the Committee.

I believe these two actions, approval of the NMI Visitors Center bill and amendment of the Guam bill, completely clarify that congressional intent is for the Monument Visitor Center to be located in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Now, I look forward to getting H.R. 3511 passed by the House and the Senate and signed by the President – significant legislative steps, which require continued support from all those in the Northern Marianas who have been behind the Monument from the beginning. So, please keep up the effort.

I should also let you know that in addition to the \$220,000 I earmarked for NOAA in this fiscal year, which can be used by the CNMI for scoping the uses, users, and appropriate sites for our visitor center, I have requested an additional \$1,000,000 in seed money for the coming fiscal year. No guarantees there, but, as you can see, I am aggressively pushing to get the visitor center going.






**Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan**  
*CNMI Delegate*  
*Washington D.C.*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

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Palau	Breezy	▲84 ▼78
Yap	Breezy	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼78
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Kosrae	Breezy	▲86 ▼80
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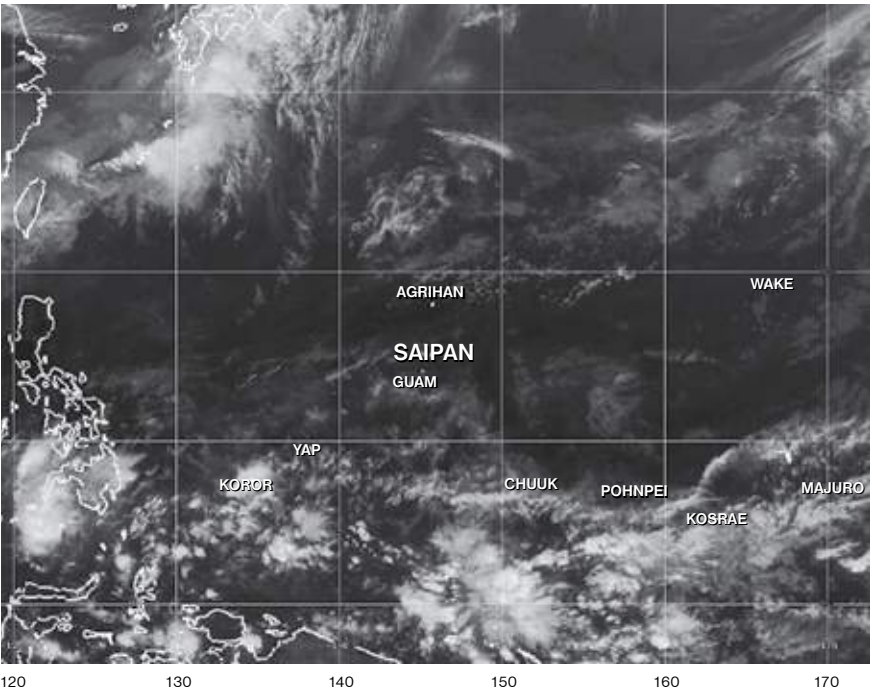
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Honolulu	Sunny	▲84 ▼73
London	Showers	▲50 ▼45
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76 ▼55
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲95 ▼85
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼56
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼75
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼58
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼57
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼45
Pusan	Windy	▲70 ▼57
Rome	Showers	▲67 ▼52
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼43
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲62 ▼49
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼54
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼60
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼65

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
10:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet	
3:27 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
9:39 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers over Palau and south of Yap between 3N and 8N from 131E to 139E. Another trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers east of the Marianas between 12N and 15N from 150E to 158E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of a line northeastward from 1N144E to 7N170E. This area lies south of Chuuk and Pohnpei and includes Kosrae farther east. Scattered showers are located between 3N and the equator from 170E to the date line.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Wednesday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:37 AM	1:45 PM
Sunday	2:12 AM	2:31 PM
Monday	2:47 AM	3:18 PM
Tuesday	3:24 AM	4:08 PM
Wednesday	4:03 AM	5:00 PM

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM						GUAM-ROTA (ROP)					
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5			C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily		
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily		
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5			OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6			FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6			CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN			OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7						via ICN		
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN			OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS		
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM		
			via ICN			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM						via ICN		
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7		
									via GUM		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau		
						C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN			OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7						via ICN		
			via ICN			OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN						via ICN		
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM			OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
						OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
									via ICN		
						C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



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Schedule of Religious Services														
CATHOLIC														
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm														
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm														
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm														
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am														
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm														
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm														
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm														
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm														
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 7:30am Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm														
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am														
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm														
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism														
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am														
PROTESTANT														
<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm														
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm														
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm														
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm														
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau, Call 235-0545 for directions														
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm														
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)														
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158														
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal														
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)														
<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> English Service: 9-11am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday														
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm														
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)														
<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm														
<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm														
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620														
<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm														
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)														
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm														
<b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm														
<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm														
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<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center</b> Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism														
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<b>Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S														

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### May 8, 2000

#### Court stops relocation of Babauta

Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama on Friday issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) to halt the relocation of Resident Representative to Washington Juan N. Babauta from his Saipan’s office in the Legislature Building in Capitol Hill. He set a hearing date on May 15, 2000 on the complaint filed by his lawyer, John M. Chambers, seeking to stop the eviction as well as to pay undetermined damages, attorney’s fees and costs and to issue other legal and equitable relief deemed appropriate by the court. House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial was named defendant to the lawsuit which came just hours before the deadline of his final warning that ordered Mr. Babauta to vacate the office by 2:00 p.m. last Friday and instructed the sergeant at arms to carry out the ultimatum.

### May 8, 2001

#### PSS raises criteria in hiring of teachers

The Public School System now has higher expectations when it comes to selecting qualified teachers to tread on the system’s teaching field. It now prefers teachers with a background on Education from merely a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree on any subject area. Although PSS technically still has the capacity to take in applicants with any type of BA or BS degrees, Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos said it is “preferable” that they possess the necessary teaching skills to take on the position.

### May 8, 2002

#### EAGI pledges confirmation of telecom commissioners

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations yesterday disclosed it will confirm on Thursday the governor’s nominees to the five-member board that will oversee the CNMI Telecommunications Commission. A public hearing will be held Thursday morning to allow community members to air their comment on the governor’s appointees to the board, according to Committee Chair Joaquin Adriano. The Senate will then convene in the afternoon to adopt the resolution supporting the confirmation of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio’s nominees, Mr. Adriano told reporters in an interview yesterday.

### May 8, 2002

#### Apatang shifts allegiance to Covenant

Still several months away from the November elections, the Commonwealth’s political arena is beginning to heat up manifested by a number of politicians who have either jumped ship or have been bumped off. This early, some candidates seeking for a slot in the Legislature have apparently fallen victims to political maneuvering by party officials. Just last week, Republican Party Chair Joseph C. Reyes gave Rep. David M. Apatang an ultimatum resulting to the legislator’s decision to shift allegiance to the newly-formed Covenant Party.

### May 8, 2002

#### AGO wants Mathis out of government housing

The Attorney General’s Office wants Commonwealth Utilities Corporation spokesperson Pamela Mathis to vacate a government housing previously assigned to her husband, former Assistant Attorney General Elliot A. Sattler. The AGO, through civil division lawyer Joseph L.G. Tajeron Jr., filed a suit against Mathis, stating that the CUC corporate communications special advisor has continued to occupy Government Quarters #1348 without permission or authority. Mathis, who was repeatedly contacted for comment, could not be reached yesterday. The lawsuit, which listed both the Commonwealth government and the AGO as plaintiffs, indicated that Mathis has no separate right, title or interest in Government Quarters #1348, independent of Sattler, who is now the legal counsel for the Tinian Casino and Gaming Control Commission. He left the AGO’s employ last September 2001.

### May 8, 2002

#### CUC raises concerns on looming water shortage

Water supplied by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation in the Central Saipan area, including Garapan, is less than half the aggregate capacity of the catchment tanks in the area, that can hold approximately 2 million gallons of water. This is because the CUC only produces 700,000 gallons of water each day for Central Saipan. The findings were highlighted in the report to the CUC Board by executive director Bernard P. Villagomez, based on the information gathered by the Water Task Force.

# Business

## Euro-zone nations to finalize GREEK RESCUE PLAN

BRUSSELS (AP)—The 16 leaders of the euro zone meet in Brussels Friday to finalize the Greek rescue plan and assess how such financial crises can be avoided in the future. In Berlin, Germany’s parliament will vote on its contribution to the loan package.

Greek lawmakers approved drastic austerity cuts Thursday needed to secure international rescue loans worth euro110 billion (\$140 billion). Clashes briefly erupted in Athens in the streets outside parliament, forcing police to use tear gas.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrials plunged 1,000 points in less than half an hour on fears that Greece’s debt problems could halt the global economic recovery. The Dow managed to recover two-thirds of its losses and close down 347 at 10,520.

The euro-zone nations have pledged to contribute euro80 billion (\$100 billion) to the bailout plan for Greece over the next three years with the rest coming from the International Monetary Fund.

The 16 nations have pledged to make haste with the national approval of the funds and rescue package, hoping to have it finished for Friday’s emergency summit. Major nations like Germany, France, Italy are likely to have concluded the process by then.

Germany, long Greece’s toughest critic, was debating legislation that would provide the go-ahead to euro22.4 billion (\$28.6 billion) in credit that Berlin wants to grant Athens.

It already passed the lower house’s budget committee—a day before Friday’s vote by the full house.

The coalition led by Chancellor Angela Merkel has a comfortable majority in parliament

and could pass the law without opposition help. Nonetheless, Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble has asked the opposition for support.

Thursday’s clashes in Athens came a day after violent protests left three people dead after a bank was firebombed in Athens.

Greek lawmakers voted 172-121 to approve the austerity measures—worth about euro30 billion (\$38.18 billion) through 2012—that will slash pensions and civil servants’ pay and further hike consumer taxes.

The rescue loans are aimed at containing the debt crisis and keeping Greece’s troubles from spreading to other countries with vulnerable state finances such as Portugal and Spain. The money will come from the IMF and the 15 other governments—in addition to Greece - whose countries use the euro.

Fears of Greek default have undermined the euro, and while the current package should keep Greece from immediate bankruptcy, its long-term prospects are unclear. The country’s growth prospects are weak, and the population’s willingness to accept cutbacks may wane, leading some economists to predict an eventual debt restructuring somewhere down the road.

There were reports that the Dow’s sudden drop Thursday was caused by a trader who mistyped an order to sell a large block of stock. The drop in that stock’s price was enough to trigger “sell” orders across the market.

Still, the Dow was already down more than 200 points as traders watched protests in the streets of Athens on TV.

Opposition parties lambasted the government for imposing measures that are too harsh for the population to bear.

## Wall St. rollercoaster: Stocks fall nearly 10 pct

NEW YORK (AP)—A computerized selloff possibly caused by a simple typographical error triggered one of the most turbulent days in Wall Street history Thursday and sent the Dow Jones industrials to a loss of almost 1,000 points, nearly a tenth of their value, in less than half an hour. It was the biggest drop ever during a trading day.

The Dow recovered two-thirds of the loss before the closing bell, but that was still the biggest point loss since February of last year. The lightning-fast plummet temporarily knocked normally stable stocks such as Procter & Gamble to a tiny fraction of their former value and sent chills down investors’ spines.

“Today ... caused me to fall out of my chair at one point. It felt like we lost control,” said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago.

No one was sure what happened, other than automated orders were activated by erroneous trades. One possibility being investigated was that a trader accidentally placed an order to sell \$16 billion, instead of \$16 million, worth of futures, and that was enough to trigger sell orders across the market.

No one was taking blame, either. The New York Stock Exchange said there was no problem with the Big Board’s systems, and all the markets were on a conference call with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



# Nation

## Police: NH bus bomb scare not 'terrorist event'

**PORTSMOUTH, N.H.** (AP)—A nine-hour bomb scare aboard a Maine-to-New York Greyhound bus ended peacefully Thursday night when the lone remaining passenger walked off it with his hands over his head. The other 16 passengers and the driver had left the bus safely

hours earlier.

Portsmouth Police Chief David Ferland said the man was being questioned and the incident was not terrorism-related.

"We do not believe this to be a terrorist event," Ferland said at a late-night news conference during which he refused

to answer questions. "We are considering this to be a localized event only."

No details about the passenger were immediately released, and the bus remained parked in downtown Portsmouth being examined by the FBI and a bomb squad. The man could

be a foreign national, as agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement were on the scene and there were reports an interpreter was needed to speak to him.

The chief said more information would be released Friday.

The ordeal began around

11:30 a.m. Thursday when a passenger called 911 to report an explosive device on board, leading police to evacuate buildings and streets and call the passengers out under the watch of a sharpshooter in an armored vehicle. One man remained on board and did not walk out until just before 9 p.m.

The man, wearing camouflage pants without a shirt, stepped off the bus with his hands high over his head. He then went to his knees before soon getting up and appearing to follow orders from police to walk away from the bus.

ICE spokesman Harold Ort could say only that there was an "ongoing issue" and that ICE was helping the investigation.

Throughout the day, police kept the curious at a distance and gave little information of what was happening on the bus. They said they estab-

lished a way to communicate with the remaining passenger but wouldn't give details of that communication.

Passenger Danielle Everett, 20, of Poland, Maine, said she didn't see anything suspicious on the bus.

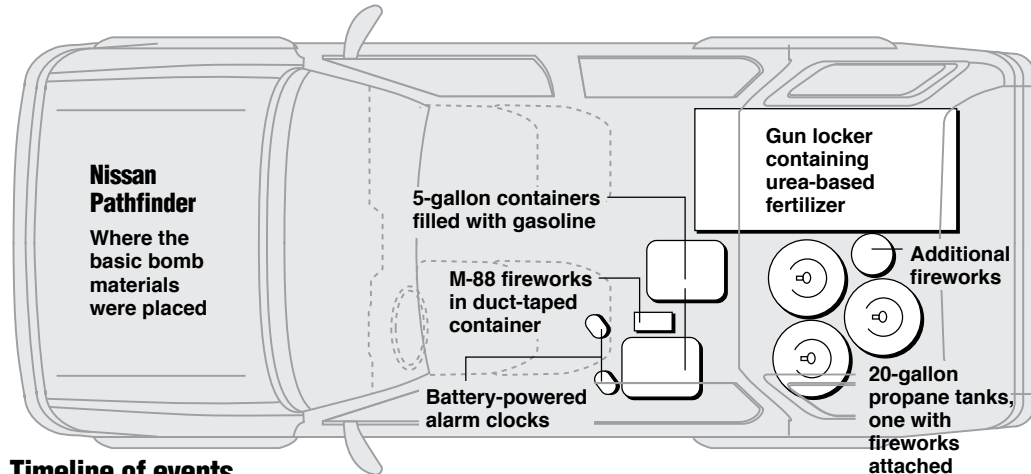
"It really wasn't any big deal," said Everett, who was met at the Portsmouth police station by her concerned father.

Family members of some other passengers who gathered at the police station said their relatives did not feel threatened aboard the bus; several said the passengers were confused and more frightened by the police response.

The 911 call came after the bus arrived in the seaside city of Portsmouth and was "based on someone's observations," police Capt. Mike Schwartz said. He had not heard of any threat being made.

## Built for destruction

Faisal Shahzad allegedly left an SUV loaded with an improvised bomb in Times Square. He was arrested trying to leave the U.S. on a flight to Dubai.



### About the suspect

- 30-year-old naturalized American citizen
- Raised in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city; reportedly the son of a senior Pakistani air force officer
- Married with two children; they are believed to be living in Pakistan
- Came to America in 1998 on a student visa
- Recently visited Pakistan for about five months, returned to the U.S. in February
- Worked for about three years as a junior financial analyst for Affinion Group in Norwalk, Conn.

### Timeline of events

April	May 2	May 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shahzad is said to have bought a 1993 Nissan Pathfinder SUV; paid cash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:28 p.m. Surveillance camera shows SUV entering Times Square; suspect allegedly parks and leaves</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Street vendor alerts police when he spots smoke coming from vehicle</li> <li>6:33 p.m. Officer circles car, radios for help; Times Square evacuated and shut down for 10 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle traced to original owner, who gave police contact information about man that purchased SUV</li> <li>• Shahzad added to U.S. no-fly list barring him from air travel</li> <li>• Suspect arrested after being removed from a flight as it prepared to take off for Dubai from New York's JFK airport</li> </ul>

Source: Department of Justice, Reuters

Graphic: Mark Hafer, Los Angeles Times

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### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Mosque going up in NYC building damaged on 9/11

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In a building damaged by debris from the Sept. 11 airliners that brought down the World Trade Center and soon to become a 13-story mosque, some see the bridging of a cultural divide and an opportunity to serve a burgeoning, peaceful religious population. Others see a painful reminder of the religious extremism that killed their loved ones. Two Muslim organizations have partnered to open the mosque and cultural center in lower Manhattan, saying the \$100 million project will create a venue for mainstream Islam and a counterbalance to radicalism. It earned a key endorsement this week from influential community leaders. But some 9/11 victims' families said they were angered that it would be built so close to where their relatives died. "I don't like it," said Evelyn Pettigano, who lost a sister in the attacks, during a phone interview on Thursday. "I'm not prejudiced. ... It's too close to the area where our family members were murdered."

will be heard on June 3 - 15 days before Gardner's execution date of June 18. Attorneys for Gardner sought the appeal after 3rd District Judge Robin Reese signed an "Order of Execution and Judgment of Death." Gardner's attorneys will argue that he was denied state funds to pay for experts and investigators who could have provided mitigating evidence during the penalty phase of his trial. They believe the evidence could have influenced the jury's decision to impose the death penalty.

#### Stolen SUV rams into Atlanta barbershop, hurting 5

**ATLANTA (AP)**—An SUV driving at high speed plowed into a barbershop Thursday and hurt five people—three critically—shortly after it fled from police officers who tried to pull it over when they discovered it was stolen. All five victims were men inside the barbershop at the time of the crash and were being treated at Grady Memorial Hospital, spokeswoman Denise Simpson said. The driver, 42-year-old Kirvy Mims, was not injured and was captured trying to run away, police spokesman Officer James Polite said. Mims is expected to face multiple charges. He had an active warrant issued for auto theft and was recently released from prison, Polite said. According to Polite, three people, including the barbershop manager will also face weapons and drug charges after authorities responding to the crash discovered marijuana, crack cocaine and two unlicensed handguns at the shop.

#### Utah court to hear appeal in firing squad case

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—The Utah Supreme Court said Thursday it will hear an expedited appeal from a condemned inmate scheduled to be executed by a firing squad. Ronnie Lee Gardner, 49, was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to die in 1985 for the fatal courthouse shooting of attorney Michael Burdell that same year. The appeal

## Giant box lowered in Gulf to battle oil spill

**ON THE GULF OF MEXICO (AP)**—Workers eased a giant concrete-and-steel box into the Gulf of Mexico late Thursday, starting the long process of lowering the contraption over the blown-out oil well at the bottom of the sea in an untested bid to capture most of the gushing crude and avert a wider environmental disaster.

The 100-ton containment vessel is designed to collect as much as 85 percent of the oil spewing into the Gulf and funnel it up to a tanker. It could take several hours to lower it into place, after which a steel pipe will be installed between the top of the box and the tanker.

The whole structure could be operating by Sunday.

"We haven't done this before," said BP spokesman David Nicholas. "It's very complex

and we can't guarantee it."

The mission took on added urgency as oil started washing up on delicate barrier islands.

Dangerous fumes rising from the oily water on a windless night had delayed the lowering of the box for hours. The fear was that a spark caused by the scrape of metal on metal could cause a fire.

But a crane lifted it from the deck of the supply boat Joe Griffin and into the Gulf after 10 p.m. CDT, dark oil clinging to its white sides as it entered the water and disappeared below the surface.

The technology has been used a few times in shallow waters, but never at such extreme depths—5,000 feet down, where the water pressure is enough to crush a submarine.

The box—which looks a lot



The containment vessel is lowered into the Gulf of Mexico at the site of the Deepwater Horizon rig collapse, Thursday, May 6, 2010.

like a peaked, 40-foot-high outhouse, especially on the inside, with its rough timber framing—must be accurately positioned over the well, or it could damage the leaking pipe and make the problem worse.

BP spokesman Doug Suttles said he is not concerned about that happening. Underwater robots have been clearing pieces of pipe and other debris near where the box will be placed to avoid complications.

## Ariz. governor rejects delay of immigration law

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—A prominent Senate Democrat asked Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer to put off her state's controversial immigration law to give Congress a chance to act. Scant time passed before Brewer's answer came back: No.

The request by Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York was a long shot for getting a stalled Senate immigration initiative moving again. Even the White House thinks the Senate pro-

posal is nearly dead. "There's not enough support to move forward," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday.

Still, among Democrats, there's plenty of support for trying—at least in public—to advance immigration reform during this year of midterm elections. The party's control of Congress depends in part on Hispanics, a key constituency, voting Democratic.

Hence, at a Cinco de Mayo celebration Wednesday at the White House, President Barack Obama said he wanted to start work on immigration legislation this year. Days earlier, he had said there was no appetite in Congress for another big legislative fight.

Schumer set out an unlikely path to passage for the troubled immigration plan in his letter to Brewer on Thursday. Delay for a year the date the Arizona law

takes effect, he proposed, and push one of Arizona's two Republican senators to support the Democrats' outline for an overhaul of immigration law.

The delay would give Congress a chance to pass a comprehensive federal law that would toughen borders and forge a path to citizenship for millions here illegally, Schumer argued, an outcome he contended would be more effective than the state law.



# Asia

## Kim leaves China after affirming nuke talks

**BEIJING (AP)**—North Korean leader Kim Jong Il left China on Friday after a secretive five-day visit that reaffirmed the importance of long-delayed nuclear disarmament talks but produced no firm deadline for rejoining that process.

Kim's armored train crossed the border back into North Korea midmorning after leaving Beijing Thursday following talks with Chinese leaders that touched on the six-nation de-

nuclearization talks stalled since December 2008.

"Kim said that the DPRK will work with China to create favorable conditions for restarting the six-party talks," the official Xinhua News Agency said in a report on his meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The visit began Monday and has been shrouded in secrecy in keeping with Kim's reclusive ways. In footage run by Chinese state broadcaster

CCTV, Kim, 68, who reportedly suffered a stroke in 2008, appeared thin but relatively vigorous in meetings with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao, and other officials.

Kim, wearing a pea green leisure suit, was shown shaking hands with Chinese leaders at Beijing's Great Hall of the People, in footage apparently shot Wednesday night. He exchanged comments with Hu in a conference room, then stood and read from a piece of paper at a banquet table and exchanged toasts, wine glass in hand.



Kim

## Afghan president to remake image in Washington

**KABUL (AP)**—In Washington next week, Afghan president Hamid Karzai will work to recast his image as a mercurial leader prone to outbursts against the West into one of a credible partner worthy of the thousands of U.S. troops and billions of dollars of aid still pouring into his nation in its ninth year of war.

After months of rocky relations with the Obama administration, the U.S. and Karzai are getting their partnership back on track. If he's successful in the visit, which starts Monday,

the Afghan president will leave Washington with renewed legitimacy and the political backing he needs for possible peace talks with the Taliban.

The trip comes at a critical juncture in the war. At the same time that more troops and aid are moving into Afghanistan, the U.S. has made it clear that its involvement is not open-ended. President Barack Obama, who gathered his national security team to discuss Afghanistan and Pakistan on Thursday at the White House, wants to start pulling out troops in July 2011

if conditions allow. That's 15 months from now.

Karzai is traveling to Washington with nearly a dozen members of his Cabinet who will hold in-depth discussions with their counterparts about development priorities and other issues. Showing up with these ministers—many with strong backing from the international community—will help Karzai make the point that while bribery and graft is rife in some ministries, there are many Cabinet officials committed to progress and reform.

## Pakistani accused in Mumbai attacks gets death

**MUMBAI, India (AP)**—An Indian court sentenced the only surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai attacks to death Thursday, a punishment officials hoped would send a message to archrival Pakistan to stop future violence as fears about the global reach of militancy based on its soil grow.

Judge M.L. Tahaliyani gave Mohammed Ajmal Kasab multiple death sentences for murder, waging war against India,

conspiracy and terrorism. He also handed down penalties for over two dozen other offenses ranging to life in prison.

"He shall be hanged by his neck until he is dead," Tahaliyani said.

Kasab cried silently as he heard the penalties, his shoulders shaking as he hid his face with his hand. Guards helped him out of the courtroom briefly for a glass of water.

A photograph of Kasab, 22, striding through Mumbai's main train station, an assault rifle in hand, became the iconic image of the three-day siege in November 2008 that claimed the lives of 166 people. Kasab was one of 10 young Pakistanis who attacked two luxury hotels, a Jewish center and a busy train station in India's financial capital. Millions watched the mayhem unfold live on television.

70,000 people were relocated after torrential wind, rain and hail lashed the city of Chongqing overnight, the ministry said on its website. One person remains missing and 190 have been hurt, it said. Thousands of buildings have been damaged in the hardest hit counties of Liangping and Dianjiang, disaster relief officials said, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

### Myanmar opposition party looks beyond its closure

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Leaders of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party said Thursday they would continue working as a social movement after Myanmar's new election law forces its dissolution as a political party at midnight. Officials at the National League for Democracy tidied their desks, locked their files in cupboards and padlocked the gate to their main office in Yangon at 4 p.m., a quiet end to a political party founded more than 20 years ago to challenge military rule. The League won a 1990 election but the army refused to cede power. The party declined to register for elections planned sometime this year, a step that will force its dissolution at the midnight deadline. The party says the laws are undemocratic and unfair. Its non-registration is tantamount to an election boycott.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Karachi mosque draws investigators into NY bombing

**KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)**—The search for links between the suspected Times Square bomber and various Islamic militant groups in Pakistan led investigators to the sprawling, marble-floored Bathha Mosque and religious school in a northern suburb of Karachi. U.S. and Pakistani authorities are trying to trace the movements of the suspect, Faisal Shahzad, during his recent five-month stay in Pakistan. They are seeking to establish whether he connected with any of the myriad Islamic terrorist groups and received instructions, funding or training. Shahzad faces terrorism and weapons charges in New York after authorities said he admitted rigging an SUV with a crude bomb of firecrackers, propane and gasoline based on explosives training he received in Pakistan. U.S. authorities said they have yet to establish a firm link between Shahzad and an extremist group.

#### 29 dead after tornado, storm in southwestern China

**BEIJING (AP)**—A tornado and strong winds swept through southwestern China early Thursday, killing at least 29 people and injuring nearly 200, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said. More than

# World

## 'Massive' ash cloud closing western Irish airports

**DUBLIN (AP)**—Iceland's volcano has produced a 1,000-mile-wide (1,600 kilometer-wide) ash cloud off the west coast of Ireland that will force western Irish airports to shut down again Friday, the Irish Aviation Authority announced.

The authority said shifting winds, currently coming from the north, had bundled recent days' erupted ash into a massive cloud that is growing both in width and height by the hour.

Eurocontrol, which determines the air routes that airliners can use in and around Europe, says the ash accumulation is posing a new navigational obstacle—because the cloud is gradually climbing to 35,000 feet (10,500 meters) and into the typical cruising altitude of trans-Atlantic aircraft. Until recent days, the ash had remained below



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A plume of ash rises from a volcano erupting under the Eyjafjallajökull glacier, Hvolsvollur, Iceland, Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

20,000 feet (6,000 meters).

The Irish Aviation Authority said the engine-wrecking ash would skirt Ireland's western shores Friday, forcing a half-dozen airports to ground flights for much of the day. However,

the airports in Dublin, Cork in the southwest and Waterford in the southeast will remain open.

"The restrictions are required as the increased level of recent volcanic activity has created a massive ash cloud stretching 1,000 miles long and 700 miles wide," the authority said in a statement.

The latest alert came only hours after British and Irish authorities declared the all-clear after much of the same ash was blown southwest from Scotland through Ireland on Tuesday and Wednesday, closing airports all along the way. Those were the first European air closures since the initial April 14-20 crisis, when ash from Iceland's Eyjafjallajökul (pronounced ay-yah-FYAH-lah-yer-kuhl) volcano forced authorities across Europe to ground 100,000 flights and 10 million passengers.

## UK's top 2 parties locked in election standoff

**LONDON (AP)**—Britain's two main parties were locked in a power struggle Friday after an inconclusive election—with Labour's Gordon Brown suggesting he would try to form a coalition and Conservative leader David Cameron insisting the prime minister no longer had a mandate to govern.

Cameron—whose Conservatives outpolled Labour but fell short of winning a majority in Parliament, according to TV projections—claimed that voters had rejected Labour in Britain's national election Thursday.

"Our country wants change. That change is going to require new leadership," Cameron said early Friday, acknowledging negotiations may be needed to determine who will form the next government. "What will guide me will be our national interest."

Speaking earlier in Scotland, Brown vowed to "play my part in Britain having a strong, stable" government—the clearest sign yet that he would try to cling to power and seek an alliance with the third-place Liberal Democrats. He also pledged action on election

reform—a key demand of his would-be partners.

Both men seemed relatively subdued, reflecting not just a tiring campaign but also a political culture that prizes strong government and views ambiguous election outcomes as unfortunate.

Political wrangling and a period of uncertainty appear ahead for one of the world's largest economies—a prospect that could unsettle global markets already reeling from the Greek debt crisis and fears of wider debt contagion in Europe.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### New clashes in Greece after austerity bill passed

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)**—Greek lawmakers approved drastic austerity cuts Thursday needed to secure international rescue loans worth euro110 billion (\$140 billion) and clashes briefly erupted in the streets outside parliament, forcing police to use tear gas. In New York, the Dow Jones industrials plunged 1,000 points in less than half an hour on fears that Greece's debt problems could halt the global economic recovery. The Dow managed to recover two-thirds of its losses and close down 347 at 10,520. There were reports that the sudden drop was caused by a trader who mistyped an order to sell a large block of stock. The drop in that stock's price was enough to trigger "sell" orders across the market. Still, the Dow was already down more than 200 points as traders watched protests in the streets of Athens on TV.

#### Goodluck Jonathan sworn in as Nigeria's president

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)**—Oil-rich Nigeria's acting leader Goodluck Jonathan was sworn in Thursday as president of Africa's most populous nation, as officials buried the flag-draped corpse of his Muslim predecessor before sundown. The power shift to Jonathan, a Christian, peacefully ended a profound leadership crisis triggered last November when elected President Umaru

Yar'Adua, who died Wednesday at the age of 58, left the country for medical treatment without transferring authority to his deputy. Jonathan had already assumed presidential powers Feb. 9 after an extraordinary National Assembly vote was called to resolve the leadership vacuum left when Yar'Adua was hospitalized in Saudi Arabia for an inflamed heart.

#### Iranians host dinner seeking to avert UN sanctions

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Iran's foreign minister invited the United States and other members of the U.N. Security Council to dinner Thursday night, his nation's latest high-profile attempt to avert more economic sanctions over its nuclear program. Western diplomats called it a rare move for a visiting dignitary such as Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki to host a dinner for all the council's 15 member nations. Diplomats in most cases said before the 2-hour dinner that they would be sending a senior official, not the top-ranking ambassador. However, many nations did indeed send their top-ranking ambassadors, some notable exceptions being the U.S., Britain, France and Russia. The occasion served as one of the highest-ranking contacts in recent years between the U.S. and Iran, which lack formal relations. Alejandro Wolff, the U.S. deputy ambassador to the U.N., was to attend.



# Maharlika

## PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

Saturday, May 8, 2010

IF VOTERS DON'T COME OUT TODAY, SUNDAY

# Consul sees possible overcrowding on last day

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**P**hilippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig urged Filipino absentee voters in the CNMI yesterday to cast their votes today and tomorrow, Sunday, to avoid overcrowding at the Consulate on Monday.

Yesterday, a big number of voters—136—turned in their accomplished ballots. The grand total of ballots now submitted is 2,204.

### DEADLINE FOR VOTING

**Monday, May 10, 8pm**

“This is the most productive week. Well, obviously because we’re in the last few days [of the May 10 election day],” Macaraig said in an interview.

He said the 136 voters yesterday is considered a big volume, but they are expecting the largest number to show up today, Saturday, and Sunday.

“We welcome it. It’s our right to vote. We will respect that right,” he said.

The consul general said the rules of the Commission on Election, which is followed by all Philippine consulates and embassies worldwide, is that they will accommodate voters even after the 4pm deadline if they are seen outside still filling up their ballots.

Macaraig said that, as of Thursday night, there are 485 ballots still with voters for submission to the Consulate and over 4,000 unclaimed ballot packages.

This week, Monday was the slowest as only 58 voters turned in their ballots, but the following days there

were more—139, 140, 99, and yesterday’s 136.

Macaraig noted that the biggest number was last Sunday, at 237.

The Consulate’s records indicate that weekends account for a large part (53.5 percent) of the total ballots submitted.

“I hope that there will be no overcrowding on Monday because it will only delay the counting. I will still have to bring the results to the Philip-



Macaraig

pines,” he said.

There are 7,169 registered Filipino voters in the CNMI. But the number is much lower due to the many workers who have already left the CNMI.

On weekends, the Consulate is open from 8am to 4pm. On May 10, they are open from 8am to 8pm.

The counting of votes will be held at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza on May 10 at 8pm.

## Ex-rebel leader endorses Bro. Eddie for president

Nur Misuari, founding chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, has called on all MNLF leaders, members, and supporters to campaign and vote for Bro. Eddie Villanueva, presidential candidate of Bangon Pilipinas.

“Ipunin natin ang lahat ng boto ng Mindanao para kay Bro. Eddie Villanueva, Bro. Jun Yasay at sa lahat ng kasama nila sa Bangon Pilipinas [Let’s pool together all the votes in Mindanao for...the Bangon Pilipinas party],” Misuari told the 200,000 MNLF leaders and supporters who attended the 6th MNLF Summit in Tionko Football Stadium in Davao City this week.

“Kung sapat na ang salita ko para iboto natin lahat si Bro. Eddie, mangumbinse pa tayo ng tigililimang boboto para sa kanya at sa Bangon

Pilipinas [If my word is enough for all of us to vote for Bro. Eddie, let’s each convince five more voters for him and for Bangon Pilipinas],” Misuari added.

The MNLF leader, who is running for the Sulu gubernatorial post under Bangon Pilipinas, had earlier said that among all

presidential candidates, only Villanueva has the credibility to talk about peace and development in Mindanao.

Last March 18, during the MNLF’s Freedom Day celebration in Ipil, Zamboanga, Misuari raised Villanueva’s

gon Pilipinas candidates.

Villanueva vowed to pursue the spirit and intent of the Final Peace Agreement which was signed in 1996. He also said that he will work hand-in-hand with the MNLF to end the conflict in Mindanao so that this region could fully benefit from development efforts concerning Mindanao.

Bangon Pilipinas considers Mindanao as its geographical bailiwick. “Our swing vote will come from Mindanao,” said Lyndon Cana, the Party’s national campaign manager.

Bangon Pilipinas is also counting on votes from its sectoral bailiwicks, which include farmers and fisherfolk, labor, urban poor, and overseas Filipino workers.

Villanueva’s early and steady lead in overseas voting exit polls proves that Bangon Pilipinas’ carefully estimated calculation of votes will materialize, Cana said.

“Our conservative calculation is a minimum of 17 million votes for Bro. Eddie and the Bangon Pilipinas Dream Team,” said Cana. (PR)



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**Eddie Villanueva, presidential candidate of Bangon Pilipinas, shakes hands with supporters, with Nur Misuari, founding chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, behind him in this photo taken during a recent campaign sortie.**

hands as he promised to deliver over five million votes for Bangon Pilipinas.

During the Summit in Davao City, Villanueva and his runningmate, Perfecto Yasay received a warm welcome from the MNLF that arranged a 10,000-strong honor guard for the Ban-

## Bandila partylist backs Noynoy for president

After a grueling meeting of the National Council, the Bandila partylist has concluded that this May 10 election is a fight “between the forces of good and evil” and has chosen to endorse the candidacy of Liberal Party standard bearer Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III.

“Obviously, Bandila has taken the side of the forces of the good where they have definitely identified Noynoy as the leader,” said Bandila nominee Nilo S. Tayag.

“Noynoy does not have the baggage of the other candidates. The elections to

Bandila is a moral issue. Noynoy has the moral ascendancy even as Bandila advocates a Filipino democratic ideology that calls for moral revolution in the country,” he added.

Tayag reiterated the partylist’s declaration of full support for Noynoy as president. “As an avid advocate of Christian Filipinism, Bandila views Philippine society as now torn between the forces of the evil and good, with the former almost overwhelming the latter, hence the compelling need to unite under Noynoy’s standard.”

“Now is the time, more than ever, to put

people in power who will stop massive graft and corruption,” said Tayag. “Bandila shall continue to grow by leaps and bounds against the forces of evil.”

Bandila, Tayag says, supports Noynoy “because our advocacies jives with his programs in regards to health, education and environment. His ‘no corruption, no poverty’ slogan, is consistent with our accountability drive among public officials following dictum that ‘public office is a public trust.’ The issue of corruption and morality in politics raised by Noynoy are valid issues for Bandila. While the economy and infrastructure have been stabilized and improved, still corruption has eroded gains in those fields.” (PR)



Tayag

## Guidelines for first-time overseas voters

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Elections Commissioner Armando Velasco urges Filipinos abroad to vote for the May 10 polls, either by mail, in person or using the pilot automated polls in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Velasco, who chairs the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting, said a total of 589,830 Filipinos abroad registered as overseas absentee voters this year.

“The process for voting is simple, whether by mail, in person or using the automated system piloted in Hong Kong and Singapore,” he said.

### Personal voting

Here are the steps for personal OAV voting in Philippine consulates or designated voting center abroad where the voter must go to vote:

- The voter should verify with the Special Board of Election Inspector if his name is on the list of registered voters; if he is, he will be given a ballot and be directed to the voting area. Also bring a passport and other identification documents to facilitate identity verification.

- Using a ballot secrecy folder, an OAV will cast his vote for one president, one vice president, 12 senators, and one party-list group.

- After voting, fold the accomplished ballot the same way it was given and return it to the SBEI.

- Affix right thumb mark on space provided on the ballot coupon and on space at the OAV list.

- The SBEI will detach the ballot coupon (found at the bottom part of the ballot) and it will be deposited to the compartment for spoiled ballots.

The SBEI will hand the ballot to the voter who will be instructed to drop it in the compart-

ment for valid ballots.

After this, the voter can leave the voting premises.

### Voting by mail

If you decided to vote by mail, follow these steps:

- By April 10, the voter in countries that will have postal voting should receive a mailing packet, either directly from Comelec Manila or through the Philippine embassy in the area. The mailing packet contains these: official ballot, list of national candidates, instruction to voters, official ballot envelope, and two pieces of paper seals.

- If you have not yet received the mailing packet, follow it up with the Philippine embassy or call the COAV at +632 522-2251, the OAV Secretariat at +632 834-4361, 832-9725, and 833-0686

- Personally accomplish the ballot by writing the names of candidates chosen for president, vice president, senators, and party-list group on the spaces provided.

- Affix right thumb mark on the space provided at the lower portion of the ballot; tear off the portion (coupon), and put it inside the ballot envelope.

- Fold the accomplished ballot to prevent the contents from being seen. Seal it with the paper seal and put inside the ballot envelope.

- Seal the ballot with the other piece of paper seal. On left hand corner of the envelope, the voter must write his printed name and affix signature above it before sending the mailing packet to the Philippine embassy or consulate in the locality by mail or hand delivery.

It should be received by the SBEI on or before 6 p.m. (Manila time) on May 10 for canvassing.

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**Presidential candidate Sen. Benigno "Noy" Aquino III, right, and running mate Mar Roxas put their hands on their chests as the Philippine National Anthem is played prior to a news conference Friday, May 7, 2010 at their campaign headquarters in Manila's Quezon city in the Philippines.**

By CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA, PHILIP TUBEZA, INQUIRER RESEARCH  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Tying Sen. Manuel "Mar" Roxas II in the vice presidential race just days before the elections, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said Thursday night that he would overtake Roxas on May 10.

"I expect my rating to go higher. It only shows that I'm bound to win," Binay told the Philippine Daily Inquirer when asked about results of the latest survey by Social Weather Stations (SWS) showing that he and Roxas were tied in the No. 1 spot.

In the SWS survey of 2,400 voters from May 2 to 3, support for Binay jumped 12 points, from 25 percent in April to 37 percent. Roxas' rating fell two points, from 39 to 37 percent.

Sen. Loren Legarda suffered a 12-point plunge, from 24 to 12 percent. The rating of Bayani Fernando, former Metropolitan Manila Development

Authority chair, went up from 2.9 to 4 percent.

The full report on the latest SWS poll will appear on Friday in BusinessWorld, which has first printing rights to the survey.

In the presidential race, the survey showed Liberal Party standard-bearer Sen. Benigno Aquino III widening his lead over his rivals.

#### **Legarda's loss, Binay's gain**

Roxas blamed the collapse of Legarda's campaign for the increase in Binay's numbers.

"He was able to get close only because of the collapse of Loren's campaign. Our support has remained steadfast," Roxas said in an interview.

He also scored Binay's political ads for "gross deception and misrepresentation and manipulation of public sentiment."

# Binay ties Roxas; Aquino pulls away

## Legarda rating dives 12 points in SWS survey

But Roxas said he remained confident that the momentum of public support for his tandem with Aquino would pull them through on Election Day.

#### **Aquino 42 percent**

Aquino got 42 percent, 4 points higher than the rating he got in April. Erstwhile third-placer, Joseph Estrada, emerged slightly ahead of Sen. Manuel Villar at second place. The former president garnered 20 percent and Villar 19 percent.

Support for Villar dropped 7 points between April and May, while Estrada's rating improved by 3 points. Former Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr.'s rating remained at 9 percent.

Aquino's sister, TV personality Kris Aquino, posted the supposed results of the survey on her Twitter account Thursday.

Binay, running mate of Estrada, said the survey "validates what we have been saying all along—that the Filipino masses are behind us judging by the warm reception we've been getting on the ground."

The Makati mayor said Roxas was already desperate because the black propaganda against him was not working. (Binay was forced to admit that he had been unfaithful to his wife when the media reported his relationship with another woman.)

"People realized that I am the true opposition. I'm genuinely

pro-poor, from head to toe, unlike him who is behind the e-VAT (expanded value-added tax) law which is now making life even more difficult for the poor," Binay said.

#### **Consistent decline**

Roxas used to dominate surveys on vice presidential preferences, followed by Legarda and Binay. But Roxas' ratings have consistently declined since the start of the campaign period in February, when he had a 45-percent rating.

Binay's ratings have constantly improved, from 17 percent in February. Last month, when Binay tied Legarda at second place, Roxas said, "Let them

have a good fight for No. 2."

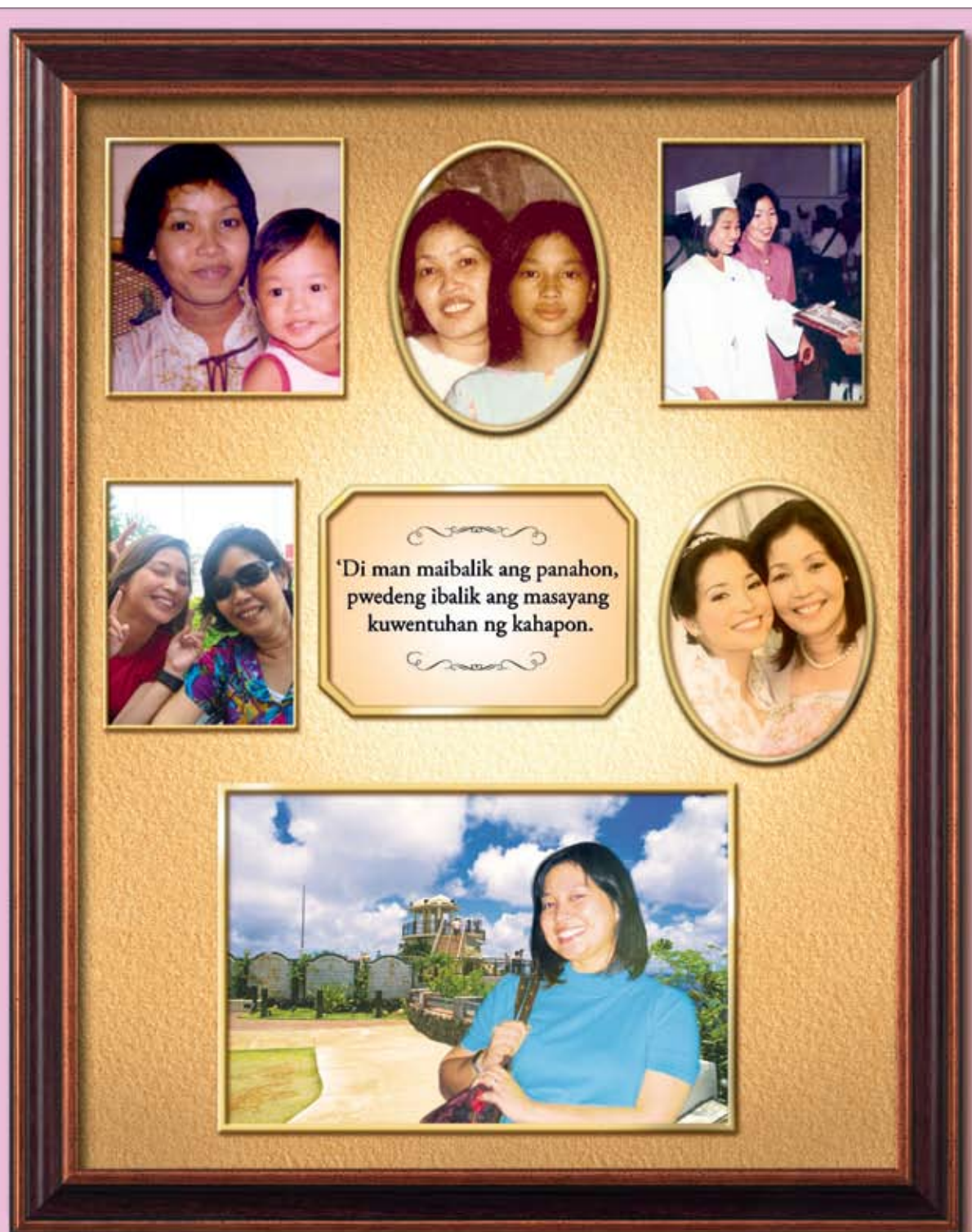
Support for Binay increased even after he admitted he had been unfaithful to his wife.

Legarda, running mate of Villar, said the survey results were "impossible and even hilarious."

"It's obviously a fraudulent and purchased survey," she said.

She said SWS was living up to its reputation as a jukebox. "If you put in money, it will sing its tune. In 2004, SWS predicted that FPJ (actor Fernando Poe Jr.) and I will lose in NCR when we actually won," she added.

She dared the firm "to show who commissioned the survey, who the respondents are and in what areas, if there was indeed such a survey."



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# Philippine-led operation busts drug ring in Asia

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine officials said Thursday they smashed an international drug ring operating in Asia, arresting two Filipinos and 12 foreigners for allegedly trafficking cocaine and heroin.

Dionisio Santiago, head of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, said the syndicate was busted in an operation beginning March 17 spearheaded by the Philippines in cooperation with Thailand, Malaysia and China.

“We have smashed a major drug ring using Filipinos and other Asian nationals as couriers,” Santiago told reporters.

Maj. Ferdinand Marcelino, head of the unit that conducted the operation, said a Chinese woman and a Nigerian man were arrested in China. Eight Nigerian men and four women—two Filipinos, one Malaysian and one Thai—were apprehended in Malaysia.

Marcelino said 4.4 pounds (2 kilograms) of cocaine and 2.2 pounds (1 kilogram) of

heroin were seized in China.

Santiago said an increasing number of Filipinos, mostly overseas workers, were being enticed by West African drug syndicates to become couriers for money, including some who were unaware they were transporting narcotics.

There are 197 Filipinos detained for illegal drug offenses in China, including 73 sentenced to death, a Department of Foreign Affairs statement said.

## Communist rebels hold Philippine mayor, plan trial

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A southern Philippine mayor captured by guerrillas this week will be tried for alleged murder and other crimes, the communist rebels said Thursday.

A New People’s Army guerrilla band seized Roberto Luna, two soldiers and two police officers serving as his security detail, early Wednesday in Compostela Valley province, the rebels and police said.

Luna is being tried for the 2001 killing of a former Lingig mayor, the 2007 killing of two men from the same town and graft

in a government waterways project, said regional rebel spokesman Simon Santiago in a statement on a rebel website.

Luna is the current mayor of Lingig township in Agusan del Sur. His term ends in June, and he is running for vice mayor in May 10 elections.

Government prosecutors have dismissed all criminal charges against Luna related to the killings, but alleged graft in the waterways project is still being investigated.

He was in one of two vehicles flagged down by about 30 guerrillas near the

boundary of Agusan del Sur and Compostela Valley provinces, police said. They said security forces have been deployed to rescue the mayor and his bodyguards.

Rebels usually summarily execute people they find to have committed “crimes against the people,” “blood deaths” or those involved in killings.

Talks to end the 41-year-old communist insurgency have been stalled since 2004 and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has ordered the military to crush the rebels by the time she steps down in June.

**Juliet Evardo, who lost her son in last year’s political massacre, cries while addressing the crowd during a rally in front of the Department of Justice Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in Manila, Philippines.**

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## Philippines restores massacre charges for clansmen

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine justice chief reversed his decision to drop murder charges against two suspects in last year’s massacre of 57 people follow-

ing complaints from victims’ families and his own prosecutors.

Among 198 suspects in the Nov. 23 killings, the Philippines’ worst political violence, are members of the powerful Ampatuan clan. They are accused of leading police and government-armed militia in the slaughter of their political rivals and at least 30 journalists accompanying them.

Acting Justice Secretary Alberto Agra has been the target of protests since his April 17 decision to clear a brother and a cousin of principal suspect Andal Ampatuan Jr., citing lack of evidence.

State prosecutors handling the case criticized him and demanded he reconsider. Their complaints coincided with protests by journalists’ groups, human rights organizations and the victims’ families, who all questioned President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo’s commitment to seeking justice.

Executive Secretary Leandro Mendoza, the Cabinet’s most senior official, also has called on Agra to meet with prosecutors and review all evidence.

Agra said Wednesday that he had found new evidence based on two witness testimo-

nies to keep murder charges against Zaldy Ampatuan, former governor of a Muslim autonomous region in the southern Philippines, and his cousin Akmad Ampatuan.

“I am now convinced that there is probable cause,” he told reporters.

The Ampatuans have denied the charges against them. The emotional trial opened in January in the Philippines’ largest criminal case since the country’s post-World War II prosecutions.

The Ampatuans were close allies of Arroyo, the outgoing president, and helped her win the 2004 elections, but were expelled from her political party after the killings.

Witnesses have testified that Andal Ampatuan, a former town mayor, led dozens of gunmen in blocking a convoy of the rival Mangudadatu clan members, followers and journalists as they were about to register a gubernatorial candidate to challenge the Ampatuans’ control of southern Maguindanao province. They were later shot and buried in mass graves on a nearby hilltop.

The suspects include Ampatuan’s father and family patriarch, Andal Ampatuan Sr., and four other relatives.

## ASK Dr. NOET

### Going against the grain: Stay-at-home dads

By DR. JOHNNY NOET RAVALO  
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**Q: My wife and I work long hours and the kids are growing up with the house help. We have talked about “slowing down” but it really doesn’t work. We have also considered the possibility that one of us stop working while the kids are still young. I am more prepared to be the one to stop but every time I am close to resigning, the impact on our finances scares me more. I know that my time with our small boys is fast dwindling but being a “houseband” was the last thing I imagined I would do.—Paul**

**A:** There is no template out there that we can just pull out as a guide for solving your dilemma. I know, however, that we can separate the financial aspect of the problem from the trickier question of being a stay-home dad.

Adjusting from a double-income to a single-income household will not be easy. While monthly family income drops like a log immediately after you resign, expenses like tuition, most utilities, medical bills and debt obligations show no such inclination. These are expenses that are hard to downsize.

By opting to be a stay-at-home dad, the family is now dependent on your wife’s income. That is not untenable since there are many out there who are—either by choice or circumstance—single income families as well. However, shifting from double to single income does leave your family with fewer options than before. If the conditions at your wife’s office deteriorate, she cannot simply tender her resignation when she has had enough. Whatever company benefits you have (like a medical plan or gasoline allowance) these too are foregone once you resign.

Caring for your small boys does not mean that you have to totally give up working. Consider doing some consulting work which is somewhere between being totally at an office and totally at home. Be careful that you do not get confused with labels: consulting is often more time consuming than a regular 9-to-5 job. The upside is that you can do part of the work at home (addressing your concern with the children) while continuing to stimulate your mind.

Unfortunately, there are downsides too. There is no retirement plan, no corporate benefits and your tax treatment is more complicated. Aside from the regular income tax, consultants are subject to either a 12.0 percent value added tax or a 3.0 percent percentage tax. There is also the cost of engaging an accountant, which is required by law.

Not all expertise, however, can be offered on a consulting basis. Doctors are consultants whether or not they hold clinic at a hospital. A commercial banker, though, cannot really practice his or her craft on a solo basis.

You did not mention your line of work. Is this a contributing factor to why you are the one more in a position to quit your full-time job? Transforming yourself from a full-time executive to a stay-at-home dad is a major move with both financial and non-financial impacts.

Our society is still uneasy with the idea of stay-home dads. Here in the Philippines, the arrhae is an integral part of every Roman Catholic wedding symbolizing the husband’s willingness to support the family as the “breadwinner”.

Recent estimates in the US say that the implicit value of a stay-home parent ranges from \$32,000 per year to as high as half a million dollars annually. This is the implied cost of all the services rendered – child-care, counseling, tutoring, logistics management, supervision – but does not yet include the foregone income from choosing to be out of the work force.

In this age of streaming information, 24 hours is never enough to get things done. Double-income is “convenient” but in the process our children are thrust into a 24/7 double-income-but-not-enough-time environment.

Deciding to become a stay-home dad will mean a lot of pencil pushing, a lot of head scratching and a lot more of prayer. But in some situations it can work.

As I re-read your question Paul, the particular memory that comes back is my children’s dismissal at pre-school. All the kids are sitting on benches lined up at the school gate. The teacher would call out their names once the “sundo” arrives. Once my kids would get a glimpse of me, they would smile, run toward me and meet me with a hug together with a loud cry of “Daddy.” Precious.

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### 6 Filipino students drown, 8 rescued in rough sea

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine navy says six students on vacation have drowned and eight were rescued after they were carried away by a rising tide and swift current while swimming on a beach.

Navy spokesman Lt. Col. Edgardo Arevalo said Wednesday rescuers are still searching for one student after a sudden rush of big waves disrupted their beach vacation in Infanta town in eastern Quezon province.

He says the eight are recovering in a hospital in Manila.

Police say the victims were 19 years old.



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## Angelica: Mum's the word on that infamous grope

By **MARINEL CRUZ**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**M**um's the word for Angelica Panganiban, whose intrepid snapshot that shows her groping her boyfriend, Derek

Ramsay, is all over the Net.

"Deadma lang," Angelica said at the press launch of her latest movie, "Here Comes the Bride," on Thursday.

Derek has admitted being the man in the picture, on the cover of a tabloid, which also shows a woman with one hand inside his board shorts. He said

it was taken some three years ago in Boracay.

Angelica has no intention of filing charges against the tabloid, which has threatened to publish more similar snaps of the couple. "Suing would only make them famous," Angelica said.

It was their families that were annoyed. "We had to calm them down," Angelica said.

Meanwhile, she is "very excited" about their coming monthlong vacation in South Africa, coinciding with the 2010 FIFA World Cup. "Everything is set," she said. "We'll go diving, join a safari, sky dive ..."

What about marriage? "There's been no serious talk about settling down," said Angelica. "We're stronger than ever. We have fights, yes, that's why we go on vacations, to sort things out."

"Here Comes the Bride," a co-production of Quantum Films, Star Cinema and Octo Arts Films, opens in local theaters on May 12. Chris Martinez directs.



Angelica Panganiban and boyfriend Derek Ramsay.

## Osang: Daboy said goodbye to me

By **DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—I was quite apprehensive when I learned that Rosanna Roces was going to be our guest in "Paparazzi" (Sun, 2:30 p.m., TV 5). I hadn't seen her since we were embroiled in a controversy ages ago. I was pleasantly surprised that she was so warm to me as soon as she entered the studio.

So everything is forgiven and forgotten. I've always admired Osang's spunk and frankness. Here are some quotable quotes from the inimitable Ms O! Make that a capital O for Oozing with sex appeal even after all these years.

■ "Ako ay isang babaeng di takot mag-hirap kasi dun ako galing. Pero di ako magugutom kasi marunong ako gumawa ng pera. Ayoko ng bumalik sa dati kong trabaho kaya ginagawa ko lahat para magkita kami ng pera kung san man ito naroroon."

■ "Pagkatapos akong isugod sa ospital nung nag-guest ako sa Talentadong Pinoy dahil sobrang taas ng BP ko, nag-mellow na ko. Di pa ko handang mamatay. Ang dami pang umaasa sa akin. Nakita ko mga patay kong kamag-anak na tinatawag ako nung nawalan ako ng malay pero yung isa pinapabalik ako. Di ko pa daw time. Marami na akong bisyong na-give up. Isang bisyo na lang di ko kayang i-give up—ang lalaking inspirasyon ko."

■ "Never naman ako nakipag-away. Sumasagot lang ako pag may umagrab-yado sa akin. Pero pag ang mukha mo ay nasa sangkalan na, mapapatawad mo na lahat."

■ "Napagsisihan ko na ang isang pinakamalaking pagkakamali ko sa buhay. Nagdasal ako kay Lord na kunin na nya ako kung sobra na kasalanan ko

pero andito pa din ako. Di pa tapos ang misyon ko sa buhay. Kung nadapa man ako, bumabangon ako sabay sabi, 'Ang ganda ko 'di ba?'"

■ "Di ako dumalaw sa burol ni Rudy Fernandez. Siya ang dumalaw sa akin, tatlong araw bago siya namatay, nagpaalam siya."

It was such a delight to interview Vic Sotto for my new segment on the show, "Hello Dolly." His charms increase as he ages. The birthday Bossing clarified that he never said his son Oyo Boy and Kristine Hermosa were getting hitched soon "Ayoko naman sila pangunahan," he explained "I have nothing against Kristine. They have my full support whatever their plans are."

Does he still have anything to wish for as he turned a year handsomer? "I make wishes for other people," he says "Not for myself. I just want to help more people in whatever way I can."

What's the secret of his continued success? (his TV show, "Ang Darling Kong Aswang" is rating well) "I don't get complacent," he quips. "I treat any movie or show like it's my first ever."

I was touched when Tetchie Agbayani told me that she always reads my column. We met for the first time and hit it off instantly. I see in her the woman I want to become. I teased her, "I'm sure a lot of students enroll in your class because they have a crush on you." She laughed, "Ay! Bawal ma-in love ang mga bagets sa professor." The original Playboy centerfold Queen is as hot as ever. We had a good laugh when I told her that her Facebook profile pic should be her famous centerfold shot.

Matet de Leon is dying to see her mom, Nora Aunor. "Too bad she won't be home yet for her birthday on May

21," she sighs. "But I hope matuloy na uwi nya sa July." Being apart has made Matet appreciate what she had with her mom when they were together. "Nung bata ako kala ko corny o KJ ang mom ko dahil parati ako pinagsasabihan," she says. "But as I grew older I realized na tama talaga lahat ng pangaral niya." She refutes talk that she's an alcoholic "Mahilig ako uminom, but not to the point na manginiging ako pag di nakainom. Ang payo ko lang sa ibang artista na alcoholic, eh wag nila sirain ang trabaho dahil sa bisyo. Dapat mahalina ang trabaho nyo kasi daming walong raket. Ingatan nyo ang blessings at baka biglang mawala 'yan pag di nyo inalagaan. Iba nga sa kanila di naman magaling umarte. Tapos sirain pa ang career nila. Nakatsamba na nga sila, di pa umayos (laughs)."

Heard that the taping of Ruffa Gutierrez's "5-Star Specials" episode (TV 5, 8 p.m., Mon.) finished late. They packed up noontime the next day. But the cast and director are very proud of how it turned out. Phillip Salvador was special guest and also served as Ruffa's acting coach especially during heavy scenes. It's amazing that Ipe could act so cruel towards Ruffa in their scenes and still manage to be a supportive friend to her off-cam.

Got a surprise call from Gabby Concepcion. Our "un-showbiz" chat started off my week right. Gabs is so excited about his movie with daughter KC which will be shown on Father's Day.

How does he feel that KC is now a talk show host in "The Buzz"? "She asked me for tips," he said. "When she was going to interview Kim Chiu, I told her to ask Kim why she likes pink, how she keeps fit and to tease her that they could be sisters since I've played the role of Kim's dad in 'I Love You, Goodbye,' and I'm her dad again in 'Kung Tayo'y Magkakalayo.'"

### OVERHEARD



Gerald Anderson, on reel partner Kim Chiu's keeping mum about the real score between them: "Mas nagiging interesting ang situation namin. I'm challenged to get to know her more. Masarap ang feeling na pinaghihirapan mo ang isang bagay—kaysa naman 'yung babae ang open tungkol sa feelings n'ya. I don't think about other girls. Iba talaga 'yung sa amin ni Kim." (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

## Another win for 'Lolo' role

By **BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

The hall reverberated with laughter, even as the movie coaxed tears, too, from the audience.

It was a packed house when Soxie Topacio's "Ded na si Lolo," the Philippine entry to the Best Foreign Language Film category in the last Oscars, was screened at the Inquirer office.

The film's scene-stealing star, Roderick Paulate, won Best Supporting Actor in the Pasado and Gawad Tanglaw awards. Wednesday night, he bagged a Best Actor-Comedy trophy for the same role at the Enpress Awards, given annually by the local entertainment press. He bested John Lloyd Cruz for "You Changed My Life," and Joey Paras for "Last Supper No. 3."

Paulate, who attended the Inquirer screening, recounted questions by foreigners during the round of Oscar screenings in January.

### TF issue

"One that kept cropping up," he said, "was, why did mainstream stars agree to do this film? Soxie often said that I was paid only US\$100 for my work. Actually, that was only \$60! And we always brought our own food to the set, pot-luck style."

The foreigners gave him "a round of thunderous applause," Roderick said, laughing.

Soxie also mention that Roderick was a box-office star in the 1980s. "Yes, that was highlighted," the actor said. "They admired our dedication even more. It was for a good cause. Proceeds went to movie workers."

### Online promotions

Cast and crew alike took to the Internet to promote "Lolo." It seemed to work.

Either that, or it's true what superstitious producers say: That weddings and funeral scenes in a movie bring box-office good luck.

"Hmm, coffins," Roderick ruminated. "All my movies that had a coffin, including "Ded na si Lolo," did well at the box-office.

### More winners

Other Enpress winners: Best Film Comedy, "Ded Na Si Lolo"; Best Film Drama, "Kinatay"; Best Actress Comedy, Eugene Domingo ("Kimmy Dora"); Best Actress Drama, Iza Calzado ("Dukot"); Best Actor Drama, Coco Martin ("Kinatay"); Best Director, Brillante Mendoza ("Kinatay"); Best Supporting Actor, Dennis Trillo ("Mano Po 6"); Best Supporting Actress, Maribel Lopez ("Kinatay").



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## At the edge of a historical replay

Catholic Church called the suggestion of people power as crazy, and then get a sharp retort from the head of a major religious congregation, subsequent developments proved the cardinal as largely out of touch, or worse. The controversial PCOS machines affirmed the worst suspicions when a nationwide testing revealed strong hints of a sinister pattern of the machines spewing out results which were different from what were shaded in the ballots inserted. From documented reports from almost all the areas being tested, many anti-administration candidates did not register any votes while much weaker rivals got all the votes.

As confirmation that a disaster was in progress, Comelec had more than 70,000 Compact Flash Cards from as many PCOS machines recalled—then announced that an orchestrated campaign to discredit the Comelec was afoot. The PCOS machines simply followed what was programmed. They did not malfunction, they just produced results already programmed into their software—and they did this together, more than 70,000 of them nationwide. And our Comelec officials who are looking more dirty as ever has the gall to say that they are targets of a demolition job!

It is as if we are a country and people under siege, or governed by a dictatorship. When public officials tell the people that others are trying to make them look bad when the foul smell of an evil plan leaks from their own stupidity or clumsiness, they show no respect for a collective intelligence. That is not only deceitful on their part but arrogance as well. It is this arrogance which brings back memories of a

conjugal dictatorship, when lies can be fed to a subservient population without any backlash other than a deepening resentment.

Aside from enjoying a rating twice as large as his closet rivals, Noytoy Aquino was surprisingly awarded the endorsement of the Iglesia Ni Kristo. I say surprisingly because a strategist of Villar just a day before had appeared on a TV show to say how such an endorsement could be a game changer, clearly expectant that his candidate would get it. But Noytoy got it instead, and I suppose the 20% lead he has is strongly bolstered by a powerful bloc vote. The endorsement complements a rating which had not only been firm but now steadily going up as local candidates have been jumping from their sinking ships to board Noytoy's.

It is really all over but the cheating, and what can happen after the cheating. As candidates have been wooing the people for their votes, officers and personnel in the AFP and the PNP have been wooed as well. Anticipating that Gloria Macapagal Arroyo would not be able to resist making moves to prevent Noytoy from being elected, or to prevent Noytoy from being proclaimed, or to prevent Noytoy from actually sworn in on June 30 and sit as president on July 1, 2010, many concerned citizens have been in quiet meetings and discussions with respected leaders in uniform. These concerned citizens have been assured that the vast majority of officers and personnel in the AFP and the PNP want honest and peaceful elections, and will not tolerate machinations of the few identified die-hard Gloria loyalists.

From the beginning, I had pointed to the color of destiny defining the Noytoy Aquino candidacy. Throughout the whole campaign, Cory had been pinpointed as the instrument of destiny, or the reason why destiny is doing what it does. What many missed despite it being in front of all our faces, for those old enough to remember, that the context of Marcos and Cory in the snap elections set the tone of the context of this campaign—Gloria Arroyo as the modern Marcos, lying, stealing, cheating, and even killing. Manny Villar as a plausible secret candidate, the Plan B option called

Villarroyo, also took on in the eyes of many the vices or crimes of the principal hate object, the lying, the stealing, the cheating - and the source of black propaganda.

The possibility, or fact, of destiny will play a very important role in the days and weeks to come. If today's elections are a current replay of an event 24 years ago, there had to be a president who is largely viewed negatively and resented by many. An opposite personality will then emerge from almost nowhere, yet deeply connected to a legacy of heroism—as Cory the plain housewife was to the slain hero, Ninoy. A substantial percentage of Filipinos see Noytoy

as that opposite personality, appreciating his aura of honesty and hopeful that he will return decency and transparency in governance. At the same time, Noytoy has that deep connection to a legacy of heroism, to a national hero and the beloved mother of democracy.

If we play out the comparison a few more notches, Gloria as president and commander-in-chief will attempt to manipulate the results of this elections, provoke protest actions by an enraged

public, send out the troops to quell civil disobedience, and trigger a rebellion by patriotic officers and personnel of the AFP and the PNP. Should this happen, then Gloria Arroyo and her family will leave the country in haste and accept asylum in some foreign country. A new PCGG will run after her hidden wealth, the cronies will surrender her assets which are in their hands and point to where more of her secret assets are deposited.

Who from the Church will be the equivalent of Cardinal Sin? Definitely, it is not Cardinal Rosales who has not been a strong and consistent voice against corruption and immoral leadership. Who will be the Enriles and Ramoses of today? And the Left, will they be left out once more?

By refusing to learn well the lessons of the past, we have brought ourselves to another crisis point. Truly, we seem to be at the edge of a historical replay.

## How to cope with a century of 'dagdag-bawas'

History is a slippery discipline. Contrary to popular belief, the way things happened as we know them can change depending on the historian writing about such events. This change can result from the discovery of new documents, or a fresh interpretation of old ones.

Tejeros 1897 is problematic because our history textbooks agree on the general shape of the narrative but not on the seemingly innocent details that may cause a rewriting of history. We know that the Magdalo faction of the Katipunan in Cavite was in control of Amadeo, Bacoar, Dasmariñas, Imus, Kawit, Mendez and Silang, while the rest of the province was under the Magdiwang faction. We know that a meeting was held in Tejeros on March 22, 1897 and that they elected a new government that replaced the Katipunan. We know that Emilio Aguinaldo was elected president over Andres Bonifacio, the only Magdalo who was nominated and elected that afternoon. Few people know that Aguinaldo was not present during the elections, that he was elected on his 28th birthday, that he was not partying but defending the rebel position in Pasong Santol, Dasmariñas, at the time of his election.

Today, Aguinaldo is remembered very badly. Instead of being seen as the leader of the Revolution and the president of the First Republic, he is blamed for the deaths of his rivals Andres Bonifacio and Antonio Luna.

How should we remember Tejeros? The historical marker in the ruins of the house where this election was held states rather vaguely that, "Certain events arising in the convention caused Bonifacio to bolt its action." What were these "certain events"? Horacio de la Costa is silent on this in his "Readings in Philippine History." The same with Gregorio Zaide in "The Pageant of Philippine History." Then Teodoro Agoncillo in the 8th edition of his "History of the Filipino People" mentions that Bonifacio and 45 of his men met in the same place the next day:

"All of them felt bad about the results of the previous day's proceedings, for they believed that anomalies were committed during the balloting. Convinced that the election held was invalid, they drew up a document called 'Acta de Tejeros,' in which they gave their reasons for not accepting the results of the convention held the previous day. From Tejeros, Bonifacio and his men proceeded to Naik in order to be as far as possible from the Magdalo men who, they thought, were responsible for the commission of anomalies during the Tejeros election. Aguinaldo, wanting to bring back Bonifacio to the fold, sent a delegation to him to persuade him to cooperate with the newly constituted government. But Bonifacio refused to return to the revolutionary fold headed by Aguinaldo. Bonifacio's

anger over what he considered an irregular election and the insult heaped on him by Daniel Tirona, a Magdalo, rankled for long."

There are two things hidden here that the unprepared teacher cannot impart to students. First, there is the suggestion of election fraud. Second, that losers in Philippine elections then and now always contest election results by crying fraud.

Primary sources are more direct. Santiago Alvarez in his pre-war memoirs wrote this of the Tejeros convention:

"The Supremo Bonifacio appointed Gen. Artemio Ricarte as secretary. Then, with the help of Mr. Daniel Tirona, he distributed pieces of paper to serve as ballots. When the ballots had been collected and the votes were ready to be canvassed, Mr. Diego Mojica, the Magdiwang secretary of the treasury, warned the Supremo that many ballots distributed were already filled out and that the voters had not done this themselves. The Supremo ignored this remark. He proceeded with the business at hand as if nothing unusual happened."

There is a little known document attributed to Bonifacio's widow, Gregoria de Jesus, that gives disturbing details on Tejeros. The document is not in her handwriting, and is presumed to have been written out by a scribe and signed by her. It reads in part:

"The convention opened and it was agreed that everything be done by voting, but clean elections did not follow and everyone who went up the Hacienda house was included even if they didn't know what was being discussed. And if the said people asked what they should put on the paper given them, they were told to write 'Emilio Aguinaldo.' Aside from this there were illiterate people who did not know how to write and were given ballots that were already filled up. As a matter of fact, their crooked ways were exposed because the handwriting on the ballots were all the same."

That the Founding Fathers cheated in our first election is something we in the present refuse to accept. It pains us to see history raw. Jaded people laugh uncomfortably, throw up their hands and exclaim, "So, what else is new?" Perhaps the Founding Fathers were just acting true to form, and we in the present have inherited this in our genes.

Why do we sweep this under the rug and forever miss the chance to come to terms with our past? Why expect the Founding Fathers to be better than we are? Our textbooks need to be revised not just for factual and typographical errors. Our history textbooks should teach young people not to be imprisoned by the past. Rather we should be liberated by our history!

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### EDITORIAL

## 30 percent not enough

The initial reports from the partial resumption of the field testing of the voting machines, this time with the new compact flash memory cards, seem positive. But these results are an outright plus only in contrast to the spectacular failure of all voting machines tested last Monday. That the tests are resuming mere days before the elections remains a matter of great public concern.

Smartmatic executive Cesar Flores told a news conference that the "fix" to the massive technical glitch suffered last Monday, when wrongly encoded memory cards failed to read the test ballots in mock elections, was on its way to being completed. "The plans are moving as expected, and even better than expected. We have more than 35,000 cards configured and shipment started last [Wednesday] night. We received confirmation that testing and sealing resumed in places like Makati, giving 100 percent accurate results. This hurdle is being passed and we will have complete automated elections on May 10."

Would that it were so, but his statement is an unqualified positive only in relation to Monday's disaster. That a total of 76,000 memory cards need to be replaced, then tested, then sealed, all in four days, remains a matter of great public concern.

We can ask both the Commission on Elections and its automation contractor, Smartmatic, the same question we posed Thursday: Can you guarantee that no more technical glitches will occur on election day?

The answer, we fear, remains no. Our latest attempt to automate the election process has yielded a track record of demonstrated incompetence: from the original choice of a machine that leaves no paper trail; to the removal of safeguards like time logs; to the high-profile failure, for preventable causes, of basic tests; to last Monday's deployment of memory cards carrying the wrong instructions.

If, by some miracle, the great majority of the voting machines finally work as originally advertised on election day, then well and good. But it would be sheer idiocy not to prepare for a manual count.

The Comelec has long said it is prepared for a 30-percent manual count—in other words, that as many as 22,000-plus voting machines may malfunction or be inoperable on May 10. We had earlier criticized this provision, but now, in the harsh light of the continuing technical travails of Smartmatic and its machines, we urge the Comelec to prepare instead for a 100-percent manual count.

If the PCOS machines work as promised, then there would be no need to resort to the manual system. But if they fail, and they fail in the proportions suggested by the scale of last Monday's failed tests, then at least the Comelec would be ready, in spite of such a failure, to meet its main mandate: to conduct elections.

History's lesson is clear: the Filipino people take their elections seriously. The results of those elections may be open to dispute (or scholarly derision), but there it is: the people want their elections.

It is the bounden responsibility of the Comelec, under Chairman Jose Melo, to ensure that there will be elections on Monday—automated, if possible, but manual, if necessary.



### Glimpses

By JOSE MA. MONTELIBANO  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



# Samu't Sari

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Belated happy birthday to Allison Kate Merritt, who celebrated her special day on May 6, 2010. May you have all the happiness in life and may God bless you. Greetings come from Mommy.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy belated birthday going out to Pedro Palacios, who celebrated his birthday on May 4, 2010. Best wishes coming from your wife Theilia, shown here with the celebrant, and your beautiful daughter Elena, not in picture. Also, happy Mother's Day to Theilia Palacios, coming from your daughter and husband. May you two have a wonderful celebration! God bless from your family.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy birthday Uwaeitaan Joy, who will be celebrating her special day on Sunday, May 9, 2010. "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I'm living, my baby you'll be." From Daddy, Mommy and family.

**TASTE OF THE MARIANAS**  
Eager crowds sample the hotel and restaurant fare offered at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden on May 1, 2010, at American Memorial Park on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The annual celebration is a signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Belated greetings to Marvin and Arlene Domingo, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary last Sunday, May 2, 2010 at their residence in As Lito, Saipan. Greetings coming from your relatives and friends.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy wedding anniversary to Norberto M. Pua and Gayle N. Pua, who will be celebrating their anniversary tomorrow, May 9. 2010. Also happy Mother's Day to Gayle N. Pua! Wishing you all the best, Mom and Dad, on your very special anniversary and also to mom on her Mother's Day. God bless you both every-day! Greetings come from your wonderful kids: Lou, Jess, Vina, Le.



**FAMILY COURT**  
**FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo, extreme right, discusses Family Court Client Services Program during a press conference this week. Also in the photo are Family Court manager Patrick V. Diaz, Family Court coordinator Heather Barcinas, and Stop Violence Against Women Act assistant Nikita Cabrera.



**HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**  
Personnel Management director Isidro Seman, left, and Ignacio Demapan, right, resident executive director of the Office of Indigenous Affairs, congratulate each other after the Senate confirmed their appointments yesterday.



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy Mother's day to two great mothers, Maricar Kisa and Necy Palacios. Have fun on your special holiday. God bless you both. From your family, friends, coworkers and Emma.



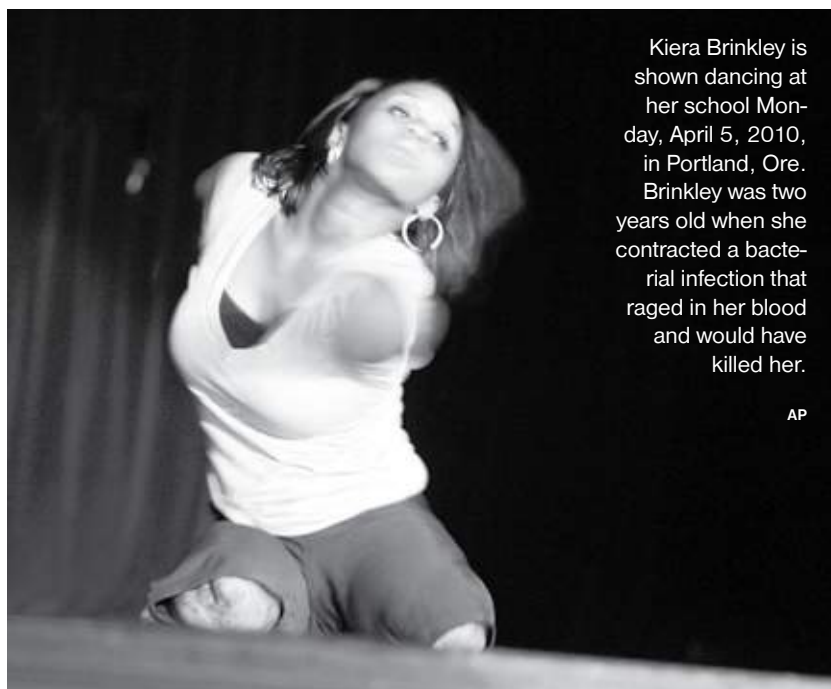
**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Advance happy Mother's Day to Maria P. Sablan, a wonderful mother, mom and grandma. Thank you for all your loving and caring support. You're the best! We love you! From Babe (Mona, AJ, RJ), Jo (Vicky, Honey, Enzo) and Keoni.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Advanced happy Mother's Day to Karrie Fernandez. Greetings come from the Magofna-Sablan family.



# YoungStyle



Kiera Brinkley is shown dancing at her school Monday, April 5, 2010, in Portland, Ore. Brinkley was two years old when she contracted a bacterial infection that raged in her blood and would have killed her.

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danced and played flute growing up in Portland. "She just has hurdles, like we all have. Life for her wasn't going to be: 'You can't do that.'"

At home, Kiera worked with physical therapists and learned to walk with prosthesis. But she was most comfortable getting around on her thighs. Uriah copied her like little sisters do, scooting around on her behind and never learning to crawl properly.

Before Kiera began kindergarten, Boyd asked staff from Portland Shriners Hospital for Children—where Kiera had received much of her treatment—to visit the school and show a video about the kids who are treated at the hospital.

Boyd hoped that Kiera's soon-to-be classmates wouldn't treat her differently than any other kid.

They did—she was greeted like a rock star.

school," Boyd remembers. But she let go, giving Kiera space.

School counselors advised teacher Kristen Brayson that a sixth grader without arms and legs would be joining her tap dance class. She remembers Kiera bounding from her wheelchair and doing cartwheels around the studio.

This girl didn't need any special treatment, Brayson recalls thinking.

Boyd and her mother stitched small metal tap plates onto a pair of shorts so Kiera could dance with the same percussive rhythms as her classmates. The music drives her spirit, Brayson says.

"I think that piece of her was going to drive her soul, no matter what," the teacher says.

Kiera introduced herself to the school at the fall talent show with a hip-hop routine to Lil' Bow Wow. The crowd cheered, chanting her name.

"She did this magic," Brayson says.

with the full reach of arm and leg.

At Juilliard, she taught one of her dances to students. At the end of the session, Kiera and her mother sat off to the side, and the young choreographer yelled: one, two, three, go!

She had never seen one of her works performed as she'd seen it in her mind.

"My mom and I just sat and bawled—to see tall, long-armed, long-legged people do my dance," Kiera says.

Friday, April 2 was a special day. Kiera was going to perform at the school's annual Diversity Assembly, a morning-long student showcase that included hip-hop break-dancing, Japanese pop songs, hula and Vietnamese ceremonial dance.

Her dance, set to Babyface's "The Day," was dedicated to a young cousin who had died in a fire several years earlier.

As she danced, each move was charged

## No limits, just hurdles for teenager without limbs

By ABBY HAIGHT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)**—Kiera Brinkley doesn't mind curious children, and mostly brushes off the stares of adults.

Every once in awhile, someone will ask the 16-year-old about what happened to her legs and arms. She'll explain: doctors had to amputate them or a bacterial infection that raged in her blood would have killed her. She was two at the time.

Sometimes, she'll get a rude stare or a harsh question and her normally sunny mood shifts.

"I got in a fight with a shark," she'll flash back.

She doesn't let it get her down. She roams the halls of a Portland high school in a wheelchair, chatting with friends or taking in a hug or two. At home, she cares for her two sisters and a little brother, and makes them dinner.

Through it all, Kiera dances, a lot, in the living room with her mother as her audience, in a practice studio at New York's renowned Juilliard School and on stage with her high school classmates wildly cheering.

When she sways, she's no longer the girl in the wheelchair, the one with the missing limbs.

"It lets people see the real me," she says.

Watching her, it makes you wonder how a little girl who lost her arms and legs at an age when most children are still getting used to their bodies grew into a young woman—and dancer—who believes there are no limits, just hurdles.

Kiera (pronounced Key-AY-RAH) was a bubbly, eager to help toddler. Once, she even managed to carry her crying infant sister, Uriah, to her mother in another room. She made everyone smile, says her 36-year-old mother, Elesha Boyd.

One day, Kiera fell severely ill. Boyd left Uriah with her mother, and rushed Kiera to the hospital. As they waited in the emergency room, Kiera had a seizure. Doctors told Boyd that Kiera had an infection of the blood.

As the bacteria spread and tissues died, Kiera slipped into a coma. Surgeons amputated all but a few inches of her legs, her left arm at the elbow and her right arm above the wrist.

Much of that time was a haze. Boyd floated in a netherworld of worry and grief. They depended heavily on their church and faith. She says she never felt alone, sharing the pain she felt as a mother with her church family.

When the day came to leave the hospital, Boyd knew that she could not let disability limit Kiera's future.

"She doesn't have any boundaries," says Boyd, a bank supervisor who also



Kiera Brinkley is shown in school Monday, April 5, 2010, in Portland, Ore.

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"She was eager to go to school, ready to try anything," Boyd says.

It soon became clear that the daughter of a woman who filled their home with dance, music, singing and art wanted to dance, limbs or no limbs. When it came time to move to middle school, Kiera won a lottery to attend DaVinci Arts Middle School.

"I was so scared about middle

It stayed with Kiera into high school.

Shriners' staffers contacted the Dream Factory, a national organization that grants wishes to critically and chronically ill children. The group invited Kiera to live out one of her dreams: A trip with her family to New York City for a Juilliard workshop.

Kiera choreographed her own routines, always imagining each move

with emotion. Tears wet her cheeks. On the final note, as she bent in a graceful bow, students jumped from their seats, applauding and shouting her name.

Afterward, Kiera wheeled through the hallway to her honors English class. Several friends bent down to give her hugs.

"When I dance, I can freely express myself," she says. "It's my own therapy."

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—Nighttime driving is becoming more hazardous for American teenagers and the likely cause is talking and texting on cell phones while operating a vehicle, according to a study released Thursday.

The report by the Texas Transportation Institute said the proportion of fatal crashes at night involving drivers 16 to 19 years old nationwide increased 10 percent from 1999 to 2008. The percentage of nighttime fatal crashes involving drivers 20 years and older rose nearly 8 percent from 1999 to 2008.

While the increase in nighttime crashes in the older age group can be attributed primarily to alcohol use, the study authors pointed to driver distraction caused by talking and texting on cell phones as a likely cause of the increase in fatalities among younger drivers.

"We know driving at night is dangerous. We know using a cell phone behind the wheel compromises your ability to drive," said Bernie Fette, senior research specialist for the Texas Transportation Institute. "Put those together and you've created a perfect storm."

Nighttime driving carries inherent

## Cell phones raise teen nighttime driving risks

risks of decreased visibility and slower response due to driver fatigue. Those risks are even greater for teens who are inexperienced night drivers, Fette said.

The number of fatal crashes, including those at night, actually dropped between 1999 and 2008, but the percentage that occurred at night increased. In 2008, 4,322 fatal crashes involved

drivers ages 16 to 19 years, with 2,148 of them—or just under 50 percent—at night, according to the study. In 1999, 6,368 fatal crashes involved drivers ages 16 to 19, with 2,875, or 45 percent, of them at night.

That same year, 44,803 fatal crashes involved drivers ages 20 to 97, with

18,601 at night. In 1999, the total number of fatal car crashes for drivers that age was 48,991, with 18,899 at night.

The proportional increase in nighttime fatal crashes went against the trend of overall crash fatalities, which dropped nearly 11 percent over the same time period, the study found.

Crash data came from the Fatal-

ity Analysis Reporting System maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Although cell phone and texting data are incomplete in FARS reporting, the study authors pointed to the dramatic growth in cell phone use overall, especially among teens.

According to CTIA-The Wireless Association, an industry trade group, cell phone subscribers in the U.S. grew from 86 million in 1999 to 262 million in 2008. A 2009 Pew Research Center study found cell phone use among teens had grown 58 percent since 2004. The same Pew report said 34 percent of teens reported texting

while driving and 52 percent said they talked on the phone while driving.

Fette said the Texas Transportation Institute, which is part of Texas A&M University, had surveyed 20,000 Texas teen drivers and found only 3 percent cited night driving as a risk.

Many teenagers start using cell phones long before they are licensed to drive and believe they can multitask in any situation, even driving, Fette said.

"We have talked to a lot of kids who say, 'Look, it's not that difficult. I can text in my pocket,'" Fette said. "But being comfortable with technology doesn't add security when you use it in an environment where it creates danger."

Last year, the Texas Legislature banned cell phone calls and texting by drivers under the age of 18 for the first 12 months after they get their license.







# Life & Style

## 'I love my Mom because...'

In celebration of Mother's Day, the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan is sponsoring an essay writing contest called "I Love My Mom." The following are some of the essays submitted for the contest. The winners of the contest will be announced on Mother's Day this Sunday, May 9, 2010, at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Saipan on May 9, 2010, from 11am to 2pm.

### The unconditional love of a mother

By JIMIN CHEON

There are lots of reasons why I love my mom so much, but if I just pick one, then it would be because she is always sacrificing her everything for me, and my baby sister. My mom gave everything up for us: her fancy job at the Korean airport, all those money, and even her social life just because of us.

It was January 2007, when we decided to move to Saipan. In Korea, my mom had everything. She was almost like a celebrity. But she found out that my baby sister had a skin problem, an atopy. Her skin was really sensitive, and air in Korea is smoky, and not so clean because of all those cars and pollutions. Her skin problem did not get better, but it seemed like getting worse everyday. She cried every night because it was getting itchy. It sometimes bleeds. My mom had to put ointment and Vaseline every time.

When I think back then, the most difficult decision in her life was to move to foreign country.

Also, my school grade in English subject was falling because I just couldn't learn any English in Korean schools. But these days, English is essential if you want to go to college and get a degree. So my mom decided it was best to move to Saipan because it has clean, fresh air, and good environment for students to learn great stuff, also not so much dangerous things here.

But to move to foreign country, it cost you a lot. My mom had to quit her job, and sell all of her designer clothes, bags, jewelry, just to get enough money for moving to Saipan. And when we came to Saipan, we absolutely knew

no one. We couldn't get any help from others. My mom had to look for a place to live, schools, and all those stuff. But we had not enough money, so we couldn't find not so luxurious home. I and my sister had no idea where we were; we just followed her.

When I first went to school, I could not speak English at all. So I was always depressed, and hated to go to school. It was always my mom who encouraged me to always do my very best, and I will succeed. All the tests, exams, and projects I had, she always supported me to be my very best. She couldn't do things she wanted because of me. She always sacrificed herself for me to learn, and she often visited my teachers to check how I was doing, and to discuss about my grade. She always checked on me to make sure that I was doing great; she gave me lots of advices.

By the time I went up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, with my mom's support, my skills were getting better everyday. My reading level was 7<sup>th</sup> grade level, and I got straight A's. So as a result, I skipped 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and got promoted to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. But 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year was tough. I had to challenge my classmates to become a valedictorian. As I studied, and studied, I sometimes got tired and tried to give up. But it was always my mom who said to try my best all the time, and have faith in myself. I always took my mom's words to heart, and tried my best to be a valedictorian.

As I graduated, all my hard works showed some progress. I became the valedictorian for the school year! I couldn't believe that I did it. Without



my mom, it would've been impossible. Because I know for sure, if my mom didn't encourage me, I would've just given up.

When I had to just give up on something, and not try it, my mom was always there for me. She couldn't enjoy her life because of me. And she had to work really hard every single day for me and my sister. My mom always gets stressed out after her hard day of work, but she comes home smiling, and cooks delicious dinner for us. Also my sister's skin problem is getting better, and it doesn't bleed anymore, unlike in Korea!

With her low salary (compared to Korea), she has to do everything, but not enough money to do it all. She reduces her spending money for herself, even though she used to be fashionable young woman in Korea. What a pity!

Even now, I get all 100's and 99's. I know it would've been impossible without my mom. What I think of my mom is this: encouraging, always there for me when I need her, sacrifices everything for me, gave up her social life for me, and always work so hard just for me. On Mother's Day this year, I'm planning to write her a letter thanking her for all her work and efforts. I love you Mom!

### A Treasure

By HERMINIA AGULTO

*Editor's Note: The author's mother is Ellen Agulto.*

I love my mom because she is treasure. My mom puts the "worth" in the word worthy. She gives valuable advice, cares for me unconditionally, loves me perpetually, and when I fall I know she'll be there to pick me up. She has been the greatest influence in my life and I wouldn't have made it this far if it wasn't for that one treasure I cherish most, my mom.

There is not a day I could remember when my mom wasn't there. I can count on her to be there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; even when I didn't need her, she was there. My mom has time for anything when it's for her kids, especially when the issue is important. Back when I was in first grade, during recess my classmate accidentally cut my finger with a knife. I went on through the day impatiently waiting for school to end so I could go home and tell my mom about it. I knew she would be there, and that made me happy, but even happier that when I see that my mom is there no matter what because even though the lesson is far from her memory, she perseveres to help me and I know it's because she doesn't ever want to see me give up. Because she always there and always has the time, my mom knows everything that goes on and it takes a responsible mother to accomplish that.

My mom puts the "person" in personality. I love my mom not only for what she does or what she gives, but also for who she is. My mom is determined, fun, smart, creative, persevering, strong, independent, flexible, responsible, caring, committed, and so many others that if I continue my opponents in this essay contest might as well spare more time for my turn. My mom is so determined that even if she is not sure it will work she has the courage and perseverance to keep going and going. She is flexible enough to adjust her schedule for all of her eight kids, her husband, and her extended family. She is committed because even though she thinks that's the last thing she can do, she looks for even more ways to do it.

### Our best Mom

By KAREN, KRISTINE, AND KEISHA

*Editor's Note: The authors' mother is Farah Fajardo.*

#### From Karen (11):

I love my mom because she is caring, loving and supportive with what I do. Sometimes she scolds me and grounds me, but I understand the reason why. Mother is there because they will be like our teacher in school. Even though my mom doesn't give me everything, I still love her. Even though my mom isn't perfect I still love her. My mom takes care of us every day. She launders our clothes, cooks our food, cleans the whole house, and takes care of our baby sister. If my mom is gone, I don't know what to do. I think I will cry a lot.



She is independent to stand on her two feet and do it her way and, rather than finding others to do it for her, she learns it to do it on her own.

No one is perfect or maybe even close to perfect, but in my book my mom is the perfect" in perfection.

My mom never worked through the years I have grown, but she is hard working and if I had all the money in the world I would pay her because, by the looks of it, motherhood is not really an easy job. Also, she may not have all those modern technology skills but on a resume following an application for hiring a mother, I know she'll be top priority. I've seen her through her ups and downs and I have to give her more that a round for applause because she works harder than any hard-working person in the business industry. She cooks, cleans, take care of bills, make sure her kids get an education and keep them on the right track, lend a helping hand, is all ears for her husband, kids, and others who are in need of her help. One thing I love to tell my mom is she has all the time to take care of everyone around her, but one thing she really needs is time for her.

I wrote this essay to try something a little different this year for my mom. I mean after all, she deserves it because without her, days would be chaos in our lives. Mothers are important and people shouldn't take advantage of that gift because there are people out there wishing they had one. My mom taught me the finest things in life: responsibility, perseverance, respect, hard work, and much more but one thing that I've learned from watching her is how to be independent and committed to my obligation. Once, she wished to sleep in an air-conditioned room, with servants who were available to serve her when she woke up, to eat extravagant restaurant food that she never tried, and a swimming pool waiting outside for her to swim in. I would grant her wish if I could because she works harder than one should to deserve it. Happy Mother's Day, mom. I love you because of countless reasons and to put it into one sentence, I love you because you are treasure.



#### From Kristine (9):

I love my mom because she takes good care of me. Every time she gets angry I understand because she doesn't want us to be sick. That's why

she tells us to eat a lot and makes us clean. She loves me so much and is always there when I am sad.

I always thank God for making her my mom.

I love it when my mom hugs me.

#### From Kiesha (7):

My mom, thank you for feeding me pizza. Thank you for buying me electronics and thank you for making me have my own room.

Thank you mom for being kind and so loving.

### We love our mom

By JANOS AND MARIEL REYES

*Editor's Note: The authors' mother is Nhing Reyes.*

#### From Janos:

The second Sunday of May is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a day in which our mothers are given credit for everything they have done for us. On Mother's Day, we make cards for them and take them to places like to see a movie or eat at a restaurant. I'll be doing something really nice for my mom this year because she has done many wonderful things for me and my family. She drops me and my sister off to school, she takes care of my baby brother, and she helps us with our homework whenever we can't figure it out. My mom works really late to get money for our food and other needs. Sometimes she doesn't even come home. We see her in the morning when my sister and I come to school. She cares for us a lot. Some-

times she gets over protective and she embraces me. She also likes to tell people about my life and how I am growing up.

But my mom is still kind of cool. I love my mom very very, very much. I hope my mom will have a longer life. I wish my mom wouldn't die too early I want her to help me with my life when it gets little hard. But I still have to take care of myself. I can't rely on my mom always because she might be too old to help me someday. I bet all the mothers in the world love their children more than themselves. Even if their children have done something wrong. Just like my mom, she loves me no matter what happens. Whenever I have problem she makes me feel better. Sometimes I hide it from her but she tells me to tell her whether it's good or bad.

I love my mom very much. I love her more than myself; she is one of the



most important people in my life.

#### From Mariel:

I love my mom. On Mother's Day I am going to give her a very special gift. My mom is very kind. She works so hard for us. She works day and night. She

goes to work very early and she comes home very late, that's why sometimes I don't see her. She buys all the things I need and want, that's why I feel sorry for her. So every day I always help her. And even though she has glasses she is very beautiful. She is also very smart. In the family she is the only one good in math. Every day, she is always tired.

My whole family loves her including me. Last Mother's Day I gave her a poem that I made. My mom deserves lots of gifts. Maybe on Sunday I will make her a book. Since my mom can keep secrets like a good person, I tell all my feelings and secrets. I really really, really, really love her.



# Romanian designer creates SKYSCRAPER SANDAL

**B**UCHAREST, Romania (AP)—A designer known as Romania's "shoe architect" has come out with a new pair of sandals that increase a woman's height by 12 inches (31 centimeters).

The new shoes are being compared to skyscrapers because of their towering heels. But the price also may have something to do with it. In a nation, where the average salary is euro450 (\$575) a month, the hand-crafted sandals are selling for up to euro1,200 (\$1,525).

"Heels have an advantage because (many women) don't have long legs," said Mihai Albu, who's had a 20-year love affair making stilettos. "They reposition the waist," he said in an interview on Wednesday in his Bucharest atelier.

High heels have become fashionable, but Albu's are at least twice the height of ones that international designers have been flirting with for several years.

For instance, in Washington last month independent bou-

## Taylor Swift donates \$500K for Nashville flood

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Taylor Swift is donating \$500,000 to flood relief in Nashville.

The announcement was made on Thursday night's "Flood Relief with Vince Gill and Friends," a telethon held on local station WSMV.

The money will go directly to various flood relief organizations in the city rocked by deadly storms and flooding that killed 30 in three states, including 20 in Tennessee. The gift was announced by the show's host after Swift finished an interview from her tour stop in Des Moines, Iowa. Swift moved to Nashville when she was 14.

"Being at home during the storm, I honestly could not believe what was happening to the city and the people I love so dearly," Swift told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "Nashville is my home, and the reason why I get to do what I love. I have always been proud to be a Nashvillian, but especially now, seeing the love that runs through this city when there are people in crisis."

Cleanup and repair is expected to cost more than \$1 billion.

tiques were strutting footwear that seemed revolutionary, such as apple red patent and black stiletto heels. But the platforms were only 1.5 inches (3.8 centimeters) and the red heels 4 1/2 inches (11.4 centimeters).

"This is unusual, but I think we can expect many other fashion houses to be doing this," said Marcellous Jones editor-in-chief of the Fashion Insider.com magazine by telephone. He said the late British designer Alexander McQueen, who died in February, used shoes with 12-inch (31-centimeter) heels in his last collection.

Romanian designer Mihai Albu displays one of his creations in Bucharest, Romania, Wednesday, May 5, 2010.



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## Chris Brown in court for probation update

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Chris Brown's attorney says the R&B singer has completed nearly 300 hours of community service since being sentenced for beating Rihanna.

Brown appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday morning to offer a judge an update



Brown

on his community service and domestic violence counseling. Attorney Mark Geros says Brown is expected to complete his counseling in October.

He's completed roughly 20 percent of the community labor

work he's required to perform.

Brown was sentenced last year to five years of probation and six months of community labor for the February 2009 attack on his ex-girlfriend.

The 21-year-old singer is due back in court on Aug. 26 for another update, and a judge has requested a formal probation report on his progress.

## Chaz Bono granted name, gender change

**SANTA MONICA, Calif.** (AP)—Chaz Bono is officially a man and has his new name.

A judge on Thursday granted a request to change the name and gender of the 41-year-old writer, activist and reality TV

star. Chaz Bono was born a girl to Sonny Bono and Cher and underwent a gender-change operation last year.

Bono was represented in court by attorney Kristina Wertz of the Transgender Law Center. Wertz

says the judge's order is an important step in Chaz Bono's transition and will allow him to reflect his new identity on a variety of official documents.

Wertz says in a statement, "Chaz couldn't be happier."

### ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

#### Aaron Kelly sees country road leading from 'Idol'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Aaron Kelly says he's ready to put the pressures of "American Idol" behind him and focus on a country singing-songwriting career. Kelly, who was eliminated from the Fox contest Wednesday, told a teleconference Thursday that he stayed true to himself but felt he gained in confidence and charisma.

The 17-year-old from Sometown, Pa., said he sees country music as a good fit for him and admires Rascal Flatts and Keith Urban. Kelly's favorite mentor on "Idol" was Harry Connick Jr., who steered contestants through the songs of Frank Sinatra this week. Connick would be a good replacement for judge Simon Cowell, who's leaving after this season, Kelly said. The four remaining "Idol" contenders are Crystal Bowersox, Lee Dewyze, Casey James and Michael Lynche.

#### Early 'Machete' trailer has message for Arizona

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Film-

maker Robert Rodriguez is no fan of Arizona's controversial new immigration law, and he cut a special trailer of his new action film to make the point. Fox won't release "Machete" until September, but Rodriguez posted a trailer online Wednesday introduced by star Danny Trejo, who says the clip has "a special Cinco de Mayo message to Arizona." The two-minute trailer touches on themes of illegal immigration and shows Trejo being tricked by a shady senator, then seeking revenge on the lawmaker. The clip shows Trejo wielding knives and co-stars Robert DeNiro, Cheech Marin and Lindsay Lohan brandishing high-powered weapons. Fox spokesman Chris Petrikin says the clip is not a theatrical trailer, but something Rodriguez put together for movie fan site Aintitcool.com to commemorate Cinco de Mayo.

#### CMA Music Fest to donate proceeds flood relief

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—The Country Music Association is planning to donate half of its

net proceeds from the CMA Music Festival to flood relief. The money will go to the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The other half of the proceeds is annually donated to Metro Nashville Public Schools for music education. CMA Vice President of Corporate Communications Wendy Pearl says CMA donated over \$1 million to the Keep the Music Playing program last year. The festival usually draws around 56,000 people into downtown, which also boosts local businesses. The CMA Music Fest takes place June 10-13 in Nashville.

#### Spielberg, Abrams collaborate on 'Super 8'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Steven Spielberg and J.J. Abrams are collaborating on a hush-hush project - and "Iron Man 2" audiences are getting the first look at it. A Paramount spokeswoman says a teaser trailer for "Super 8" will debut before midnight Friday screenings of "Iron Man 2." Abrams, whose films include "Star Trek," wrote the screenplay for "Super 8" and will direct. Spielberg is producing.

## Love child grows up feeling sting of her mother's regret

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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DEAR ABBY: My mother became pregnant with me in 1965 when she was 20 and divorced from her husband. My father was a married man who knew about me, but made no effort to see me.

I know my mother believed he would leave his wife for her, and because I closely resemble him—according to family members—she must have felt terrible when I was growing up. I always felt she didn't love me as much as she loved my brothers.

I have grown up with a hole inside me where a dad was supposed to be. I have never felt worthy or deserving of anything in my life, and now my mother has cut me off from the family.

Should I try to see if my father wants to know me now? Maybe time has mellowed him. I feel like he is a great big unfinished spot in my life. What should I do?

ALONE AND UNLOVED, MONROE, LA.

**DEAR ALONE AND UNLOVED:** Life has dealt you a difficult hand through no fault of your own. You are hurting right now, and that is why I'm urging you to talk to a counselor about what you have been through and how you feel about yourself BEFORE reaching out to your father. You deserve love and nurturing, but before you try to make contact it's important that you have more inner resources than you have now—just in case he doesn't turn out to be the man you would like him to be. Contacting him through a third party might also be wise.

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DEAR ABBY: Before my husband died, we used to enjoy visiting with "Frank" and his wife, "Julie." They were happy get-togethers between couples.

After my husband's death, Frank said he wanted to stay in touch. As time went on, we'd meet for holidays and home visits, which were as pleasant as before. But as time passed, Julie became bored and the visits became awkward.

Frank and I had a lot in common. I enjoyed his company more and more. Anyone who has lost the love of his/her life knows it's a gift to take a break from the heartache once in a while. Frank and I have done nothing wrong. If he were a woman there would be no question of impropriety.

I haven't heard from Frank in a while, and I suspect it's because Julie has requested he not spend so much time with me. I don't blame her. I'd feel the same if it were my husband. But would it be OK for me to call him? Until recently we talked regularly. I know he'd be happy to hear my voice. Our visits were full of life and innocent conversation, and I miss them. Should I leave well enough alone, or enjoy the only peace I have had after such a great loss?

ANONYMOUS IN COLORADO

**DEAR ANONYMOUS:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. My advice is to leave well enough alone and look for "peace" with someone who is available and will be able to provide more than good conversation.

While your intentions may be innocent, your growing friendship with Frank may have begun to make his wife uncomfortable. It appears she picked up on the fact that you have grown emotionally dependent on her husband and viewed it as a threat. Alternatively, when you were all together she may have felt like a third wheel, and that's why she became bored. So please take what I have said to heart and back off.

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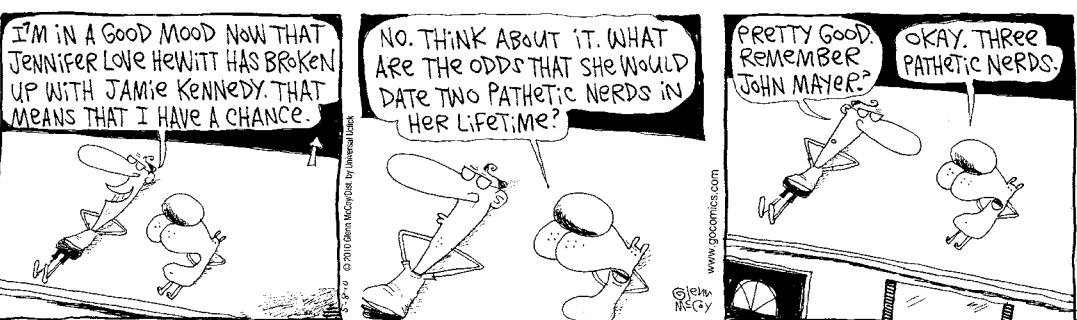
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**ACROSS**

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5 Rubik's baffler

9 Omega preceder

12 Place

13 Somewhere out there

14 Deterioration

15 Enrages

16 Staff member?

17 Storm center

18 Software test version

19 Bonfire residue

20 Unwanted e-mail

21 Siesta

23 Yoko of music

25 Hack

28 Intoxicated

32 Medleys

33 Willow variety

34 Prophetesses

36 Sarcastic and impertinent

**DOWN**

1 Smooth-talking

2 Green acres?

3 Bump into

4 "Britain's Got Talent" sensation

5 Hors d'oeuvre

6 Venusian fleet

7 Anti-climax

8 Before

9 Type of school

10 Protein bean

11 Thing

20 "El Capitan," e.g.

22 Supermarket section

24 Nary a soul

25 Trig. ratio

26 "The Greatest"

27 Tucker's partner

29 Round Table address

30 "A mouse!"

31 Parched

35 Luxury facility at a stadium

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40 Rainbow

41 Let off steam

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45 Shoemaker Jimmy

46 Chopped

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Yesterday's answer 5-8

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Enrique Iglesias, 35; Melissa Gilbert, 46; David Keith, 56; Don Rickles, 84

**Happy Birthday:** This can be a fantastic year if you strive for perfection in everything you pursue. Money will come to you and the opportunity to meet and work with people you admire will lead to your success. Build a solid base and you will enjoy many years of growth and rewards. Your numbers are 2, 12, 17, 22, 25, 38, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** It's difficult for you to see what's right in front of you today. Emotion will cloud your vision, causing you to misunderstand what others want. Do things that stimulate you mentally and physically. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** As long as you do as you say, you will not face complaints. Once you have your chores out of the way, you can spend the day with the people you enjoy most. Love relationships may be emotional if you aren't attentive. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll be saddled with someone else's responsibilities if you are too nice and easygoing. A problem with a relationship will develop if you are too flirtatious or give the impression you aren't as interested as you let on previously. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Surprise someone you love with a treat or an evening out on the town. Your plans will ensure that you keep the person you hold dearest, happy and content. A financial gain is apparent if you are quick to respond to an opportunity. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Think before you offer to pick up the bill for someone else. Entertainment may be on your mind but it doesn't have to be expensive. Be imaginative and you will come up with a plan that will please the people you want to entertain and make yourself look good at the same time. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get everything that's bothering you out in the open. A relationship with someone from your past may still be an issue that needs closure. Do something that will help you feel good about the way you look. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Go over personal papers and your financial strategy for the future and you will feel much better. A relationship with someone who offers intellectual challenges will help you come up with a workable agreement, leading to extra cash. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Set your own standards and stick to them, no matter what others do or say. Don't let love cost you emotionally or financially. If someone you are with doesn't meet you halfway, take a pass. Creative people will contribute to your ideas. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you slip up, you will have a situation on your hands that will be hard to reverse. Emotional problems with someone will leave you at a loss. Uncertainty or inconsistency have probably brought about the change of heart and decision to make a move. ★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Get together with old friends and you will enjoy reminiscing about the old days. Making changes to your budget or an investment will lead to financial and personal gains. Visit someone who can offer insight. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your busy schedule will be difficult to juggle. Try not to let your professional goals interfere with your personal promises. Be honest but firm about what you can and cannot do. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be ready to take on the world. There is no challenge you can't handle. Being direct about what you want and how you see things developing will be all it takes to excel. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, creative and sensitive. You like to do things differently and will stand alone if necessary to follow your dreams and hopes.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

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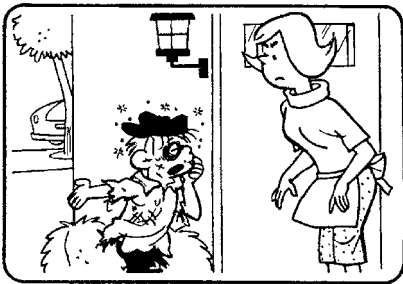
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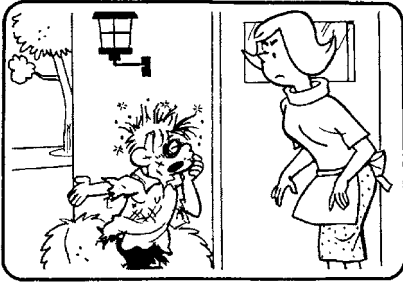
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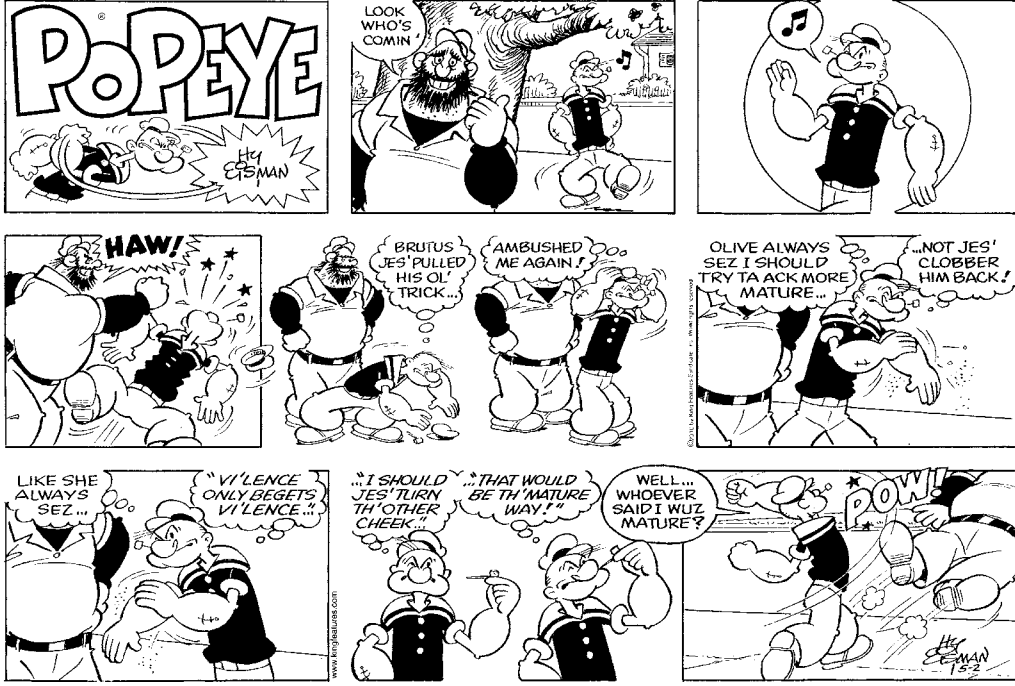
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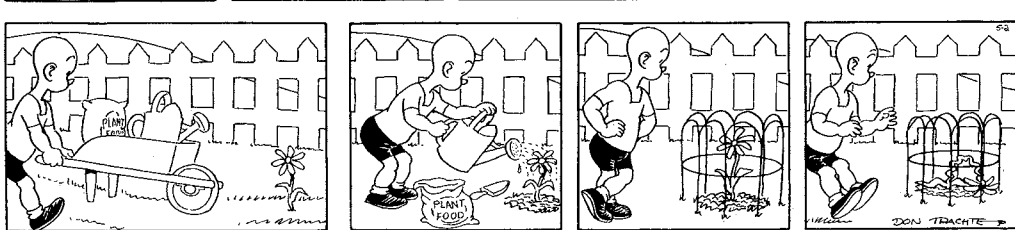
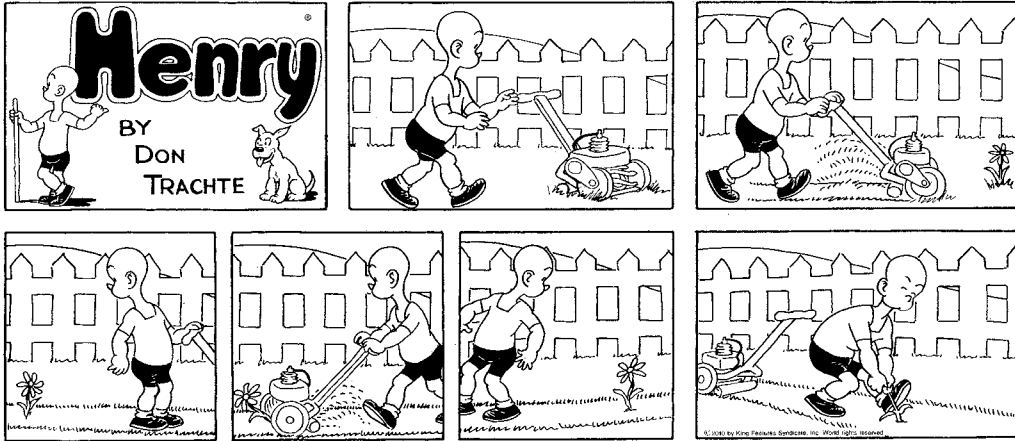
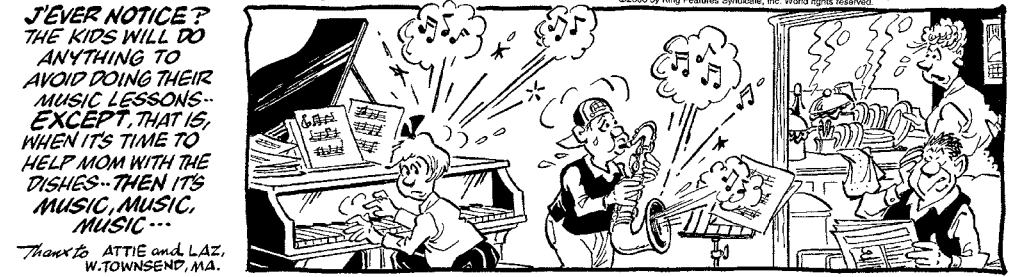
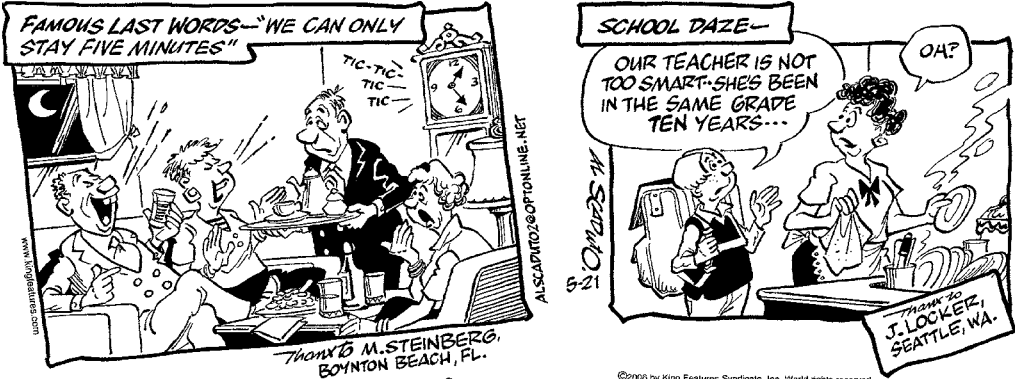
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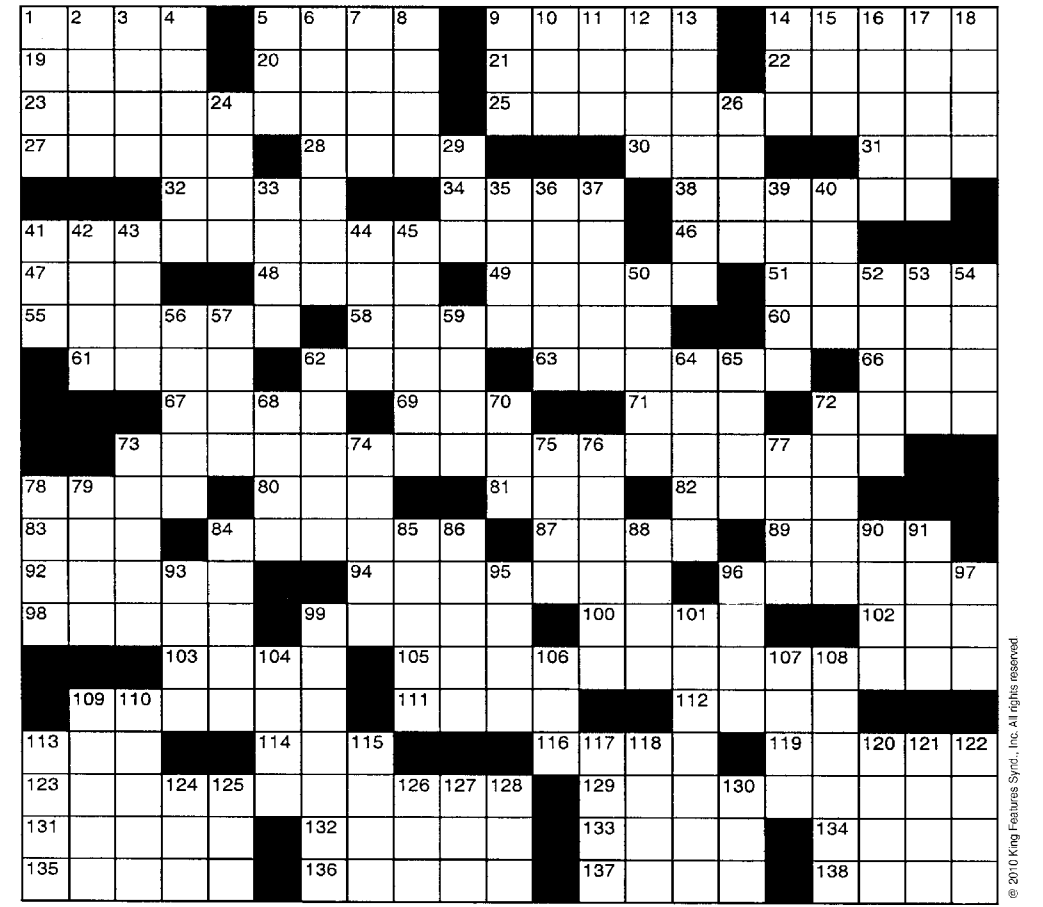


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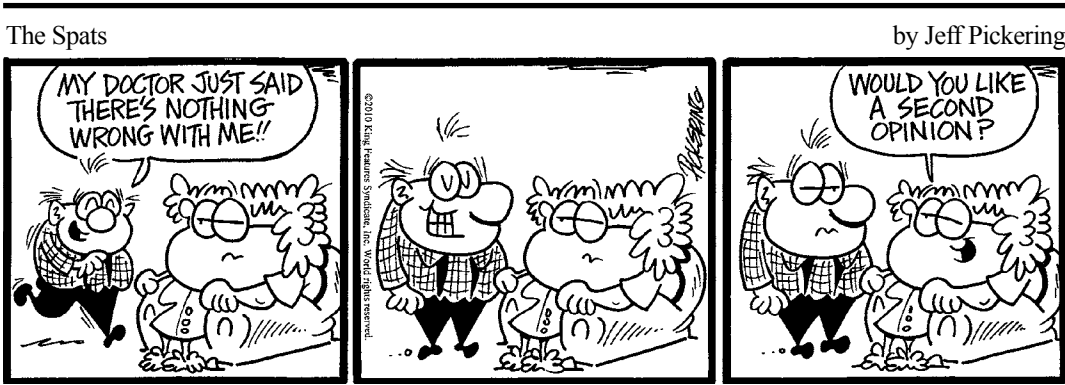
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is "sidereal time"?
2. MUSIC: What is meant by the musical term "giocoso"?
3. RELIGION: Who is the patron saint of firefighters?
4. LEGAL: What does it mean when a lawyer takes a case "pro bono"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state lies between Oregon and Wyoming?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the monetary unit of Panama?
7. ANATOMY: The carotid artery is located in what part of the human body?
8. HISTORY: What was the first of the 13 original states to be admitted into the Union?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was President Franklin Roosevelt's vice president during his first term?
10. MEDICAL: What causes Lyme disease?



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1. Time measured by rotation of the Earth with respect to the stars

2. Merry or lively

3. St. Florian

4. Without a fee

5. Idaho

6. Balboa

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9. John Garner

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# Magic beat Hawks, take 2-0 series lead



**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)**—Maybe all the Orlando Magic needed after a slow start was a slap in the face.

Dwight Howard came back from a bloody nose to finish with 29 points and 17 rebounds, and the Magic beat the Atlanta Hawks 112-98 on Thursday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Not even a hard hit could slow the Magic's Superman.

"I'm human. It's not like I'm built of metal," Howard said. "They did to me like they did the Wolverine. I bleed. I break bones."

Not this time.

Vince Carter had 24 points with some big shots late and Rashard Lewis finished with 20 points, leading Orlando's 19-2 run in the fourth quarter. The perennially poor free-throw shooting Howard also was 13 for 18 from the line.

"Every time I step up there," Howard said, "just believing it was going in."

The Hawks avoided embarrassment but not another road playoff loss.

After a 43-point defeat in the opener, the Hawks led early but head home still searching for a way to stop the Magic's 12-game winning streak. Al Horford led Atlanta with 24 points, and Joe Johnson had 19 points.

Game 3 is Saturday in Atlanta.

"Go home and win. We've been pretty good on our floor," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. "They took care of their business on their home floor. We're going to see what we're made of."

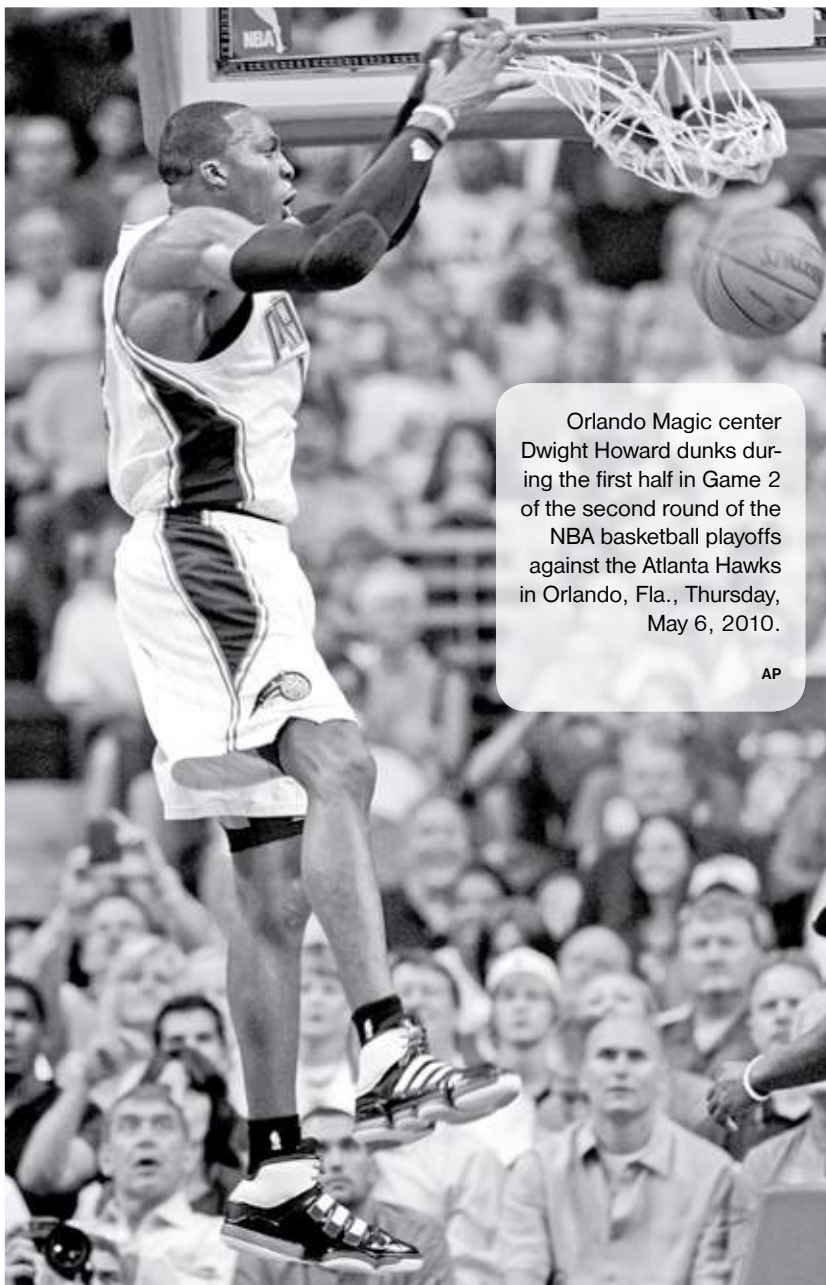
The Hawks finally drew first blood, it just wasn't a hard enough hit.

Howard made a layup as he was slapped in the face inadvertently by Horford to start the third quarter, the blood pouring from the Magic center's nose. Howard shot the free throw—and missed—with plugs in his nostrils, holding back laughter, and then left for about 2 minutes so trainers could stop the bleeding.

"I think he held his composure well," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "He took some hard hits on the offensive end of the floor, that's led to some frustration and at times retaliation on his part. He got hit damn hard tonight, blows that would have dropped a lot of people, certainly me."

The Hawks could only stop things temporarily.

The play started an 11-2 run that erased Atlanta's early nine-point lead and put the Magic ahead 62-59. The topsy-turvy starts by the two centers—Howard had 18 points in the first, and



Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard dunks during the first half in Game 2 of the second round of the NBA basketball playoffs against the Atlanta Hawks in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, May 6, 2010.

AP

Horford scored 14 points in the second—were merely offsetting.

"He was shooting over our defense and making shots," Horford said. "I can live with that. He had to earn everything he got."

Jameer Nelson finished with 20 points and also made a 3-pointer as time expired in the third quarter, a demoralizing blow after Jamal Crawford's 3-pointer on the other end. It put the Magic ahead by one.

"That was a huge momentum boost for us," Van Gundy said.

Then they took off.

A flurry of Magic 3-pointers sent the Hawks packing with another loss to their Southeast Division rival, which has won eight of the last nine games in the series, including the playoffs. Carter, Lewis, Nelson and Mickael Pietrus all made one from beyond the arc during the big fourth-quarter spurt that put Orlando ahead by 19.

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"We didn't play our best basketball in the first half but we were still within arm's reach," Carter said. "In the second half, we played like the Orlando Magic."

They had fun with it, too.

Magic players kept their arms in the air with every swish, teasing and pleasing the crowd in celebration. The run gave way to that all-too-familiar look on Atlanta's bench, with many players draping towels over their heads in shame.

Not even a near-perfect night on free throws for the Hawks (30 for 31) could prevent another loss in Orlando, which moved just two games away in the best-of-seven series from returning to the conference finals.

"I live for it," Carter said. "Having the opportunity to play for so much, I welcome it."

## Holmes, Allenby share lead at Players Championship

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)**—Conditions were so tame at The Players Championship that being anywhere around par meant being nowhere near the lead.

Just ask Tiger Woods. Or Phil Mickelson. Or Ernie Els.

J.B. Holmes and Robert Allenby each shot 66 in the opening round Thursday, leading an all-out assault on the Stadium Course. More than half the field broke par, 34 players were within three shots of the lead and the average score (71.1) for the first round was the lowest in 17 years.

"You see a lot of good scores, but I guarantee you the leader at the end of the week is not going to be 24 under," said Bill Haas, one of 10 players at 4-under 68. "It's not going to happen."



That notion gives just about everyone hope heading into Friday's second round.

"I only made three birdies," said Woods, who shot 70 after missing the cut last week at Quail Hollow. "I had myself a few chances in there to make some putts, make some birdies, and didn't really do it."

Masters champion Mickelson finished with the same score and felt about the same way.

"Two under is not what I wanted," Mickelson said. "But there is a round in the mid 60s. If I can shoot that tomorrow, I'll get right back in it."

Holmes played bogey-free for his

66. The only time he came close to a bogey was at No. 10, when he hit over the green and did well to chip to 15 feet before making the par putt.

"It was a fun day, one of those rounds where everything was going pretty good," Holmes said. "It's kind of one of those rounds where it's not easy, but it felt pretty easy."

Allenby played in the afternoon, when the breeze kicked up, and only had one lapse with a three-putt on the par-3 eighth.

"Greens were a bit slow out there, definitely quite soft after the rain that we've had the last couple of days," Allenby said. "It definitely made it very accessible, some of those flags. I'm happy with the start, just happy to be amongst it."

It was a large group.

## LeBron: No elbow flare ups in practice

**INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)**—LeBron James knows he's in for a painful playoff run.

Chasing an NBA title with the Cleveland Cavaliers at less than 100 percent, the two-time league MVP said Thursday that his injured right elbow—now with its own Twitter page—feels better but it won't be completely healed until he rests it after the season.

James has accepted his fate.

"I've got to play with it," he said.

James made it through a complete practice Thursday without his elbow "flaring up" as the Cavaliers got in a final workout before heading to Boston for Game 3 on Friday night. After the Celtics' win in Game 2 on Monday evened the series, James spent the past few days icing his elbow and undergoing electrical stimulus treatments.

A scheduled second MRI has been canceled, but James said doctors have told him his injury, diagnosed as a sprain and bone bruise, isn't going away anytime soon.

"It could be a recurring thing through the whole playoffs," he said. "If we continue to win and continue to be in the playoffs it could be a recurrence, and it may not be better until the offseason."

Wearing a short, black sleeve over his elbow, James shot jumpers from all over the floor during the portion of practice open to the media. He even launched a few long 3-pointers before leaving the gym.

Dealing with the physical part is only one aspect of his injury. For James, trying to block out the pain and still perform at a high level has been a challenge. He'd like to ignore it, but that's not possible when he feels a twinge in the elbow or when the joint locks up.

"If it's hurting throughout the game, there is no way it can stay off your mind," he said. "You want to be conscious about it, but at the same time I need to find a way to help the team no matter if it's hurting or not. There is no way you can not think about it."

James' elbow has been the talk of Cleveland. The city's fragile fans, who always expect the worst, are concerned the Cavaliers have been struck by the same curse that has bedeviled the Indians and Browns, leading to a 46-year championship drought.

The injury's timing is unfortunate, but there isn't anything James—or anyone else—can do.

Since the Cavs were eliminated in last year's Eastern Conference finals by Orlando, James has been on a mission to end his seventh pro season by hoisting the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

This isn't an obstacle he could have planned for.

"It sucks," he said. "For the most part all season I was healthy and if I had to play all 82 games, I would

have. To have an injury at this point in the season where it may slow you up a little bit, it sucks. But it's a part of the game. Nobody feels sorry for me or for our team and we move on."

James is averaging 29.5 points in the first two games, but his passiveness in Game 2 was alarming for the superstar. He has attempted just five outside shots in the opening halves, and when he's had breakaways he has delivered soft, two-handed dunks instead of his normal, signature windmills.

"You want to be smart about things," he said. "I don't want to go up there doing all that crazy dunking where I might aggravate my elbow. Two points is two points."

However, James knows he has to be more assertive. The Cavs can't wait for him to take over a game, and he can't wait for help.

"We all need to come out more aggressive, not only myself," he said. "I can't go a whole first half and take only five shot attempts. I definitely have to be more aggressive in trying to get more shot attempts up. As a team we have to do the same thing, when we get good looks, we have to take them and knock them down."

Center Shaquille O'Neal needs to get going.

He has struggled so far in the series, shooting just 36 percent (8 of 22). The Cavs were counting on Shaq to draw attention down low, bringing in double- and triple-teams and opening up Cleveland's outside game. That hasn't happened, and until the Big Diesel shows up, the Celtics can gear their defense around stopping James.

O'Neal understands what James is going through. The 15-time All-Star has played with his share of injuries through the years and knows how tough it can be to block one out.

"It's very difficult. But he's a warrior," O'Neal said. "He hasn't really mentioned much about it. He hasn't really talked about it. He's going to play through it and he's not going to make any excuses. His elbow has nothing to do with our team defense. Everyone has to do their part."

"I still see the greatest player in the game but we, as the others, have to help him out."

James is amused by all the interest in his elbow.

There have been conflicting reports about his injury as well as the number of tests he has undergone. A satirical Twitter page has popped up, written from the perspective of his elbow.

James, who said he isn't following his elbow on Twitter, confirmed he has had only one MRI.

"According to the TV I've had about 50. 'LeBron has another MRI today scheduled, he has another one when he gets to Boston,'" he said, playfully mocking the reports. "I've only had one, and I've only needed one."

The Cavaliers hope it stays just one.



# Ex-NFL star Lawrence Taylor charged with NY rape



**SUFFERN, N.Y. (AP)**—Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was charged Thursday with raping a 16-year-old runaway who police said was forced into prostitution by a man who had beaten her up.

Taylor, a 51-year-old former New York Giants star who has faced drug and tax evasion charges in the past, paid the girl \$300 for sex in a Holiday Inn, where he was arrested early Thursday, said Christopher St. Lawrence, supervisor of the town of Ramapo.

The man who'd beaten the girl drove her to Taylor's suburban hotel room, police said.

Ramapo Chief of Police Peter Brower said Taylor was cooperative when police woke him up around 4 a.m. Taylor was arraigned Thursday on charges of third-degree rape and patronizing a prostitute.

"I'm not that important," Taylor told a scrum of media after being released on \$75,000 bail.

His attorney, Arthur Aidala, said Taylor is a "loving family man" who did not have sex with the teenager.

"My client did not have sex with anybody," Aidala said. "Lawrence Taylor did not rape anybody."

Brower would not comment on whether Taylor knew the girl's age; third-degree rape is a charge levied when the victim is under the age of consent, which is 17 in New York.

"Ignorance is not an excuse to an individual's age," Brower said.

Police said the girl was reported missing by her family in March and had been staying with a 36-year-old parolee, Rasheed Davis, in the Bronx. The

two met a few weeks ago at a Bronx bus stop, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.

"He chats her up. She explains she doesn't have a place to stay. He provides one," Browne said.

Davis then forced her to perform sexual favors for others, authorities said.

Early Thursday morning, Davis punched and kicked her, drove her to the hotel against her will and told her she had to have sex with Taylor, police said. When she refused, Davis handed her over to Taylor, who sexually assaulted her, they said. Taylor paid her \$300, which she gave to Davis, police said.

Taylor used a middle man to arrange the liaison with the girl, Browne said.

At some point, the girl sent text messages to her uncle spelling out what was happening. The uncle then went to the NYPD, Browne said.

Davis was arrested on charges of unlawful imprisonment, assault and endangering the welfare of a child. He was sentenced in April 1994 to eight to 25 years in prison for first-degree manslaughter. He was paroled in March 2008.

There was no phone number listed at the address provided by police for Davis, and it wasn't clear if he had an attorney. His relationship with the girl was unclear.

The Bronx district attorney's office refused to comment.

Taylor was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999 and competed in ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" last year. He had a highly publicized struggle with drug addiction and has had multiple legal run-ins since retiring from football.

At the Metamorpheise Spa in Pembroke Pines, Fla., where Taylor works



Former New York Giants linebacker and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor appears at Ramapo Town Court in Suffern, N.Y., Thursday, May 6, 2010. AP

out and did some of his training for his stint on the dance competition show, much of the talk Thursday was about the charges and how most people simply couldn't believe the local resident was guilty.

"He's a regular guy, a good guy who just goes about his business," said Stephen Grover, who said he'd spoken to Taylor once or twice. "I think he just wants to be like everyone else."

Police said no drugs were found in Taylor's hotel room on Thursday but a bottle of alcohol was.

A quick, fierce and athletic linebacker who redefined his position, Taylor anchored the Giants' defense and led them to Super Bowls titles in 1987 and 1991. He was selected to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team.

A 10-time Pro Bowler, he was the NFL Most Valuable Player in 1986 and the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1981, 1982 and 1986. He recorded 132 1/2 sacks, which doesn't include his 9 sacks in 1981 when the statistic wasn't official.

In 2001, Taylor was convicted of possessing drug paraphernalia in New Jersey. The conviction stemmed from the September 1998 discovery in a hotel room of a butane torch and other materials commonly used to smoke crack.

In 1996 and 1997, he was arrested in South Carolina and Florida on drug charges. In those cases, he either admitted his guilt or agreed to enter a pretrial intervention program.

In 2000, he drew five years of federal probation for filing false tax returns and for tax evasion.

Taylor is due in court again on the latest charges on June 10.

**SEATTLE (AP)**—The Tampa Bay Rays won 8-0 on Thursday to complete a three-game sweep of the Seattle Mariners in the American League, stretching its remarkable road record to 12-1.

Tampa Bay starter Jeff Niemann (2-0) overcame a second-inning anomaly of throwing 11 straight balls, and kept Seattle scoreless as he went into the seventh inning.

Carl Crawford finished a triple short of the cycle as the Rays kept rolling on the best start in club history.

The Mariners lost their sixth straight and placed starting left fielder Milton Bradley on the restricted list while he deals with personal issues.

Seattle starter Ryan Rowland-Smith (0-2) failed to make it through the fifth, battered for six runs in his shortest outing of the season.

## Blue Jays 2, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Toronto extended its winning streak to five games by beating Chicago.

Blue Jays starter Dana Eveland (3-1) was in control through seven scoreless innings and outdueled another lefty, White Sox starter John Danks (3-1).

Chicago got a man on second with one out in the ninth, but Toronto closer Kevin Gregg struck out two batters to secure victory.

## Red Sox 11, Angels 6

In Boston, Victor Martinez homered and drove in four runs as Boston completed a four-game sweep of Los Angeles.

Martinez's two-run homer in the third cut the Angels lead to 4-2 and his two-run double in the fifth tied it.

# Rays beat Mariners, win on road again

The Red Sox added three more runs in the fifth via Jeremy Hermida's two-run single and Darnell McDonald's RBI double.

Boston starter Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-1) retired 13 of the last 16 batters he faced after allowing four runs in the first. Its the first time Boston has been over .500 since opening night.

Los Angeles starter Scott Kazmir (2-2) gave up seven runs in 4 1-3 innings as the Angels dropped its seventh straight game.

## Orioles 2, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Ty Wigginton hit his 10th home run of the season to help Baltimore beat Minnesota.

Wigginton moved into second place behind Chicago's Paul Konerko (12) on the AL home run list.

Orioles starter Brad Bergesen (2-2), who failed to last past the fifth in each of his first four starts, made it through 6 2-3 scoreless innings.

Minnesota starter Carl Pavano (3-3) threw 70 of his 97 pitches for strikes but lost despite allowing on two runs in eight innings.

## Rangers 13, Royals 12

In Arlington, Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero hit back-to-back homers in the eighth inning as Texas pulled out a free-scoring victory over Kansas City despite blowing an early eight-run lead.

The Royals had finally taken their first lead of the game in the top of the eighth and brought in closer Joakim

Soria (0-1) with two outs in the bottom of the inning. Hamilton homered and Guerrero followed.

Rangers reliever Frank Francisco (4-3) gave up a run in one inning.

Texas' Neftali Feliz struck out two of the three batters he faced for his seventh save in eight chances.

## Phillies 7, Cardinals 2

In Philadelphia, Phillies pitcher Roy

Halladay had another impressive outing as the Phillies' boom recruit steered the team to a win over St. Louis Cardinals.

Halladay (6-1) allowed one earned run in seven innings. He tied a season high with nine strikeouts, and even talked manager Charlie Manuel into letting him get one more out after allowing a run in the seventh.

Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer and Raul Ibanez also went long as Philadelphia took three of the last four in the series between NL divisional leaders.

St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (0-2) allowed five runs in four innings.

There was a moment of silence before the game for former Phillies pitcher Robin Roberts, who died Thursday. The Hall of Famer's No. 36 jersey was hung in the Philadelphia dugout and will remain there the rest of the season.

## Giants 6, Marlins 3

In Miami, Matt Cain held Florida hitless until the sixth as San Francisco

completed a three-game sweep.

Cain (2-1) worked into the eighth inning, giving up two runs. The Giants starters combined to allow just six runs in 21 innings over the series.

Aaron Rowand contributed a triple, a two-run single and a lunging catch in center field for San Francisco. He is 7 for 16 with seven RBIs in four games since coming off the disabled list.

Florida starter Ricky Nolasco (2-2) allowed three runs in six innings.

## Nationals 3, Braves 2

In Washington, Scott Olsen took a no-hitter into the eighth inning, guiding Washington to a tight win over Atlanta.

Braves reliever Eric O'Flaherty (1-1) walked Adam Kennedy leading off the ninth. Peter Moylan came in and gave up a double to Ryan Zimmerman, then intentionally walked Cristian Guzman to load the bases with no outs. Pinch-hitter Willie Harris then grounded a single just past the second baseman for the winning run.

Tyler Clippard (4-0) got the final five outs for the Nationals and took the win.

## Pirates 11, Cubs 1

In Pittsburgh, Lastings Milledge drove in four runs to help Pittsburgh earn its first sweep of Chicago in nearly four years.

Garrett Jones added three RBIs as the Pirates won by more than four runs for the first time since opening day.

Pittsburgh starter Brian Burres (2-1)

pitched seven shutout innings to win his second in a row. Before that, he hadn't won in nearly two seasons.

The Pirates scored five runs in the first inning against Cubs starter Randy Wells (3-1).

## Dodgers 7, Brewers 3

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier hit a game-winning grand slam in the ninth to lift Los Angeles over Milwaukee.

Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton (2-0) took the mound in the top of the ninth trying to protect a 3-1 lead but the Brewers got four hits and tied the game on two-out RBI singles by Gregg Zaun and Corey Hart.

However Ethier drove a LaTroy Hawkins pitch to center field for his NL-leading 10th homer of the season. It was his second game-ending hit of the season and 11th since the start of the 2008 season.

Ethier has had two at-bats this season with the bases loaded, both of them grand slams.

## Diamondbacks 6, Astros 3

In Houston, Dan Haren struck out nine in his first complete game this season, steering Arizona past Houston.

Haren (4-1) walked just one for his 10th career complete game.

Tony Abreu had a career-high four hits, and Kelly Johnson led off the game with his 10th home run, tying him for the NL lead.

The Astros lost for the ninth time in 10 games. Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez (1-4) had his worst outing of the season, yielding five runs in 3 2-3 innings.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

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**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	21	7	.750	—
New York	19	8	.704	1 1/2
Toronto	17	13	.567	5
Boston	15	14	.517	6
Baltimore	8	21	.276	13 1/2

**Central Division**

Minnesota	19	10	.655	—
Detroit	16	13	.552	3
Chicago	12	17	.414	7
Kansas City	11	18	.379	8
Cleveland	10	17	.370	8

**West Division**

Oakland	15	14	.517	—
Texas	15	14	.517	—
Los Angeles	12	18	.400	3 1/2
Seattle	11	17	.393	3 1/2

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

Philadelphia	17	11	.607	—
New York	15	13	.536	2
Washington	15	13	.536	2
Florida	13	15	.464	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	5

**Central Division**

St. Louis	18	11	.621	—
Cincinnati	14	14	.500	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	13	15	.464	4 1/2
Chicago	13	16	.448	5
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	5 1/2
Houston	9	19	.321	8 1/2

**West Division**

San Francisco	17	10	.630	—
San Diego	17	11	.607	1/2
Colorado	14	14	.500	3 1/2
Arizona	14	15	.483	4
Los Angeles	12	16	.429	5 1/2

**Yesterday's Games**

Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 2  
Washington 3, Atlanta 2  
Pittsburgh 11, Chicago Cubs 1  
San Francisco 6, Florida 3  
Arizona 6, Houston 3  
L.A. Dodgers 7, Milwaukee 3  
Boston 11, L.A. Angels 6  
Texas 13, Kansas City 12  
Baltimore 2, Minnesota 0  
Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 0  
Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 0

**PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES**

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)**—Scores Thursday from the PGA Tour's Players Championship at the par-72 (36-36), 7,215-yard TPC Sawgrass, Players Stadium Course

**FIRST ROUND**

J.B. Holmes	33-33=66
Robert Allenby	34-32=66
Jason Bohn	33-34=67
Ben Crane	33-34=67
Heath Slocum	35-32=67
Luke Donald	33-34=67
Ryuji Imada	35-32=67
Kenny Perry	33-34=67
Ryan Moore	36-31=67
Lee Westwood	33-34=67
Charley Hoffman	33-35=68
Tim Clark	33-35=68
Troy Matteson	34-34=68
Matt Kuchar	35-33=68
J.J. Henry	35-33=68
Bo Van Pelt	35-33=68
John Rollins	32-36=68
Bill Haas	33-35=68
Francesco Molinari	34-34=68
Scott McCarron	35-33=68
Alex Prugh	37-32=69
Woody Austin	34-35=69
Vijay Singh	33-36=69
Jim Furyk	33-36=69
Henrik Stenson	35-34=69
Andres Romero	37-32=69
Paul Goydos	35-34=69
Ross Fisher	33-36=69
Alex Cejka	35-34=69
Kevin Stadler	32-37=69
Davis Love III	32-37=69
Nick Watney	36-33=69
K.J. Choi	35-34=69
Sergio Garcia	34-35=69
Boo Weekley	35-34=69
Fredrik Jacobson	35-34=69
Martin Kaymer	35-35=70
Adam Scott	39-31=70
Stephen Ames	37-33=70
Camilo Villegas	36-34=70
Phil Mickelson	34-36=70
Brian Gay	35-35=70

Zach Johnson	35-35=70
Chris Stroud	36-34=70
Charlie Wi	34-36=70
John Merrick	33-37=70
Bob Estes	35-35=70
Lee Janzen	35-35=70
Bill Lunde	33-37=70
Oliver Wilson	35-35=70
John Senden	35-35=70
Angel Cabrera	38-32=70
Y.E. Yang	34-36=70
Sean O'Hair	36-34=70
Tiger Woods	35-35=70
Hunter Mahan	34-36=70
Lucas Glover	33-37=70
Greg Chalmers	36-34=70
Jeff Overton	34-36=70
James Nitties	35-35=70
Brendon de Jonge	35-35=70
Nick O'Hern	36-35=71
Cameron Beckman	35-36=71
Trevor Immelman	35-36=71
David Toms	35-36=71
Dustin Johnson	37-34=71
Mark Wilson	36-35=71
Ben Curtis	37-34=71
Pat Perez	35-36=71
Troy Merritt	35-36=71
Charl Schwartzel	36-35=71
Bryce Molder	37-34=71
Robert Karlsson	36-35=71
Jay Haas	36-35=71
Kevin Na	36-35=71
James Driscoll	37-34=71
Harrison Frazar	36-35=71
Bubba Watson	36-35=71
Steve Flesch	34-37=71
Scott Verplank	36-35=71
Derek Lamely	37-34=71
Jimmy Walker	37-34=71
Thongchai Jaidee	34-37=71
Roland Thatcher	35-36=71
Spencer Levin	35-36=71
Kris Blanks	35-36=71
Brian Davis	36-36=72
Alvaro Quiros	35-37=72
Nathan Green	35-37=72
Justin Leonard	35-37=72
Rory Sabbatini	36-36=72
Fred Funk	35-37=72
Aaron Baddeley	35-37=72
Vaughn Taylor	38-34=72
Justin Rose	37-35=72
Mike Weir	36-36=72
D.J. Trahan	37-35=72
Geoff Ogilvy	34-38=72
Ian Poulter	36-36=72
Brett Quigley	37-35=72
Jeff Quinney	35-37=72
Mathew Goggin	36-36=72
Graeme McDowell	35-37=72
D.A.Points	37-36=73
Greg Owen	34-39=73
Stewart Cink	37-36=73
Ryan Palmer	35-38=73
Paul Casey	37-36=73
Mark Calcavecchia	36-37=73
Nicholas Thompson	35-38=73
Ricky Barnes	35-38=73
Brandt Snedeker	35-38=73
Jerry Kelly	34-39=73
Michael Bradley	35-38=73
Padraig Harrington	37-36=73
Rory McIlroy	37-36=73
Rickie Fowler	33-40=73
Jason Dufner	35-38=73
Jonathan Byrd	37-36=73
Steve Marino	35-38=73
Ted Purdy	36-37=73
Michael Allen	38-36=74
Rod Pampling	35-39=74
Marc Leishman	37-37=74
Chris Couch	37-37=74
Ernie Els	37-37=74
Martin Laird	35-39=74
J.P. Hayes	40-34=74
Kevin Sutherland	37-37=74
Webb Simpson	36-38=74
Briny Baird	36-38=74
Jason Day	38-36=74
Matt Bettencourt	38-36=74
Chad Campbell	38-37=75
Michael Letzig	40-35=75
Jeff Klauk	38-37=75
George McNeill	38-37=75
Kevin Streelman	35-40=75
Chad Collins	38-37=75
Tim Petrovic	40-35=75
Richard S. Johnson	36-40=76
John Mallinger	37-39=76
Charles Howell III	36-40=76
Scott Piercy	39-37=76
Daniel Chopra	41-37=78

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**LOCAL SCORES**

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Team 1	2	0
Team 2	1	0
Team 3	1	0
Team 6	0	1
Lady Eagles	0	1
Team 5	0	2

# Mongami wins southpaw showdown

John Mongami outlasted Bernard Kileleman to grab the last qualifying win for USS Peleliu Club's no-fee Mother's Day 8-Ball Tournament and a trophy from Pacific Amusement.

With his second place, Kileleman moved into a points tie with Mark Butac in the race for the three "open" slots. The 13 winners of qualifying tournaments will be joined by the three players with the most second and third place finishes in the May 9 final. Quinton Ngirarois and Erina Olkeriil are tied and will face off in a playoff for the last spot.

Larry Briones, Nolan Cultura, Marc Brian Nelvis, Rick Rengiil, Edward Suzuki, Taylor

Watanabe, Mei Rengiil, Sim-eon Kapileo, Chester Cuento, Ron Chisato, Patrick Cepeda, and Juancho Mendoza won the other qualifying tournaments.

First place in the final is good for \$100, with \$50 for second. There will also be trophies courtesy of Pacific Amusement and in-house raffle prizes.

Sunday's final will start at 7pm because of the full 16-player bracket. There will be a random draw to determine first round pairings in the double elimination tournament.

Mongami fought past Rodney Aldan, Butac, Rey Pinangay and Kileleman to reach the top of the winner's bracket. Butac had de-

feated Annie Tesiro, while Pinangay sent Ngirarois and Colin Kileleman to the loser's bracket.

Bernard Kileleman slipped past Nizer Masayos, then pocketed the 8-ball on the break to defeat Leonard Sablan. Sablan had beaten Murphy "Smurf" Manelo.

Pinangay moved past Colin Kileleman and Butac in the loser's bracket with some impressive shot-making, but he and Bernard Kileleman took turns missing relatively easy shots in the loser's bracket final. Kileleman was the first to regain his concentration and moved on for a rematch with Mongami.

The left-handed shooters du-

binging for 11 markers.

After a scoreless second quarter, Andrea Engelhardt logged eight more points in the third, matching the Lady Eagles output in that canto to pad Team 3's lead, 71-29. Mobel finished Team 3's demolition of Lady Eagles, firing 10 markers in the final canto.

Jacque Wonenberg led the Lady Eagles with 14 points, while Vanessa Pritchard and Toi Smith added 12 and 10, respectively.

In the first game, Team 1 drew 20-plus points from Lia Rangamar and Jamie Mendoza to nail a five-point win over Team 5. Rangamar drilled 24 points, while Mendoza chipped in 22.

Rangamar finished with 10

first half points, while Mendoza had seven, as Team 1 protected a 34-28 lead. The two Team 1 gunners traded baskets with Team 5's Amy Sletten and Laine Pagarao, who tallied 39 and 21 points, respectively in a losing effort.

Team 1 hung on to the lead at the end of the third period, 58-51, despite Sletten's 11 points and Pagarao's seven, as Rangamar and Mendoza drew help from their teammates. Team 5, besides Sletten and Pagarao, had only Nikita Hofscheider making more than a field goal in the third period.

In the final canto, Sletten continued to lead Team 5, but her partner—Pagarao—was held to a field goal, while Mendoza and Rangamar were still

eled for 10 minutes before Mongami gained the upper hand, and the championship.

A Father's Day tournament is next after Sunday's Mother's Day match. It will follow the same Thursday and Sunday schedule, with the first qualifying tournament scheduled for May 13. There will be 11 champions and five "open" slots in the June 20 final.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm for the free Thursday and Sunday qualifying tournaments. All games are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, contact USSP owners Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (*USSP*)

on target to survive Sletten's explosive game.

**First Game**

**Team 1 77** – Rangamar 24, Mendoza 22, Guzman 12, Due-nas 11, Williams 6, Abrams 2.

**Team 5 72** – Sletten 39, Pagarao 21, Hofscheider 9, Javier 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-14, 34-28, 58-51, 77-72.

**Second Game**

**Team 3 93** – Mobel 18, M. Matson 16, A. Engelhardt 16, C. Engelhardt 16, Tacliad 12, E. Matson 11, Ekmart 4.

**Lady Eagles 39** – Wonenberg 14, Pritchard 12, Smith 10, Chen 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-9, 43-21, 71-29, 99-39.

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Former CNMI National Team member Vanessa Mobel paced Team 3 with 18 points, while team captain Melody Matson and Andrea and Christina Engelhardt chipped in 16 apiece. Riza Tacliad contributed 12, while Emily Matson added 11.

Andrea Engelhardt drilled eight of her total points in the first period, while Emily Matson made six, lifting the team to an early double-digit lead, 22-9.

By the end of the second quarter, Team 3 almost doubled the Lady Eagles' output, 43-21, as it was Christina Engelhardt and Emily Matson's turns to hit their marks in that period, com-

## INJURY

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traded runs in the second.

For the Fielders, Rasa reached off an error, went to second after Flores' walk, moved to third off an error, and then scored off a passed ball.

Dodet Feliciano reached on a fielder's choice, moved to third off Pangelinan's single, and scored off an error for the Falcons.

Then the Falcons got two runs back in the third after forcing the Fielders to go 1-2-3 in the top half.

## U14 FOOTBALL

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robin regular season undefeated with its 6-1-0 win-draw-loss record, while Tan Holdings FC-1 came in second with a 5-1-1 mark. Matansa also had a 5-1-1 slate, but dropped to third, as it

J.T. Taitano and Camacho led off and reached off errors.

Josh Jones singled in Taitano and Ton Rogolifoi brought in Camacho with a sacrifice fly to center.

With the score at 6-3, Fielders, to start the fourth, starting pitcher for the Falcons, Rogolifoi got himself in some trouble during his second go around with the Fielders' top of the order.

Maratita led off with a single and Rasa followed with a double. Then Flores and Namelo singled in Maratita and Rasa.

Celis brought in Flores and

gave up more goals with nine against Tan Holdings FC-1's only three. Paire Red finished fourth, followed by Paire Black, Independents, MP United-White, and Tan Holdings FC-2.

In the festival, teams will have two games apiece with the Top 2 placers in each group advancing to the playoffs.

## NMA SETS

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qualifiers in all age groups will compete in the 100m run. The 4x100m relay will also feature teams in all age groups.

NMA will close out the meet with five events on May 15, but this time the tournament will start in the morning. Set to kick off the last day of the meet will be the competition in the high jump for U14 and

U18 only at 9am.

Up next will be the 5,000m, followed by shot put and the 400m and 4x400m relay runs.

NMA will be holding the 2010 All Schools Athletics Championship next week after about two months of having qualifying tournaments on Saipan and Tinian.

The three-day meet will have

only the Top 8 qualifiers from Saipan and Tinian in the running events and Top 12 in the field events competing for the Top 3 placers.

Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 finishers in each event, while trophies await the champion schools in each age group. The list of qualifiers will be announced later.





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## Injury forces Falcons to forfeit vs Fielders

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REPORTER

Thursday night's 2010 Saipan Big League baseball game

The Big League Fielders trampled the Falcons 14-3 before the game ended by Falcons forfeit. Fielders catcher Ben Flores, pictured here left with winning pitcher Tom Agulto, contained the opposing offense, allowing three unearned runs in three innings pitched with three hits and two walks.

WALTER SUTHERLAND

between the Falcons and the Fielders ended under uncommon conditions as the home team Falcons, with only nine active players on their roster, were forced to forfeit the game in the top of the fourth inning because their first baseman, John Pangelinan, suffered a foot injury while covering the bag at first.

During a pick-off attempt by Falcons pitcher Thomas Camacho, with two outs in the

top of the fourth inning, Fielders base runner Ben Flores collided with Pangelinan while diving back to first base.

At the time of the injury, the Fielders already had an 11-run lead with one and a half innings to go and the game was pretty well out of reach.

In the first inning, the Fielders jumped ahead and brought their first five batters to the plate.

Juan Maratita led off with a

double, Ionis Rasa drew a walk, and Flores got hit by a pitch.

Wensner Namelo singled in Maratita and Rasa scored off an error.

Then Jonathon Celis brought home Flores and Namelo with a two RBI double.

Celis moved to third off a passed ball and Ton Tenorio singled him in before the Falcons could escape the inning.

After the Falcons went 1-2-3 in the bottom half, both teams

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## Back-to-back for Team 1; Team 3 wins debut

### U14 football festival today



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Tan Holdings FC-2's Rodwealth Espana kicks the ball during their game against Independents FC in the U14 division of the NMIFA spring league, which will have its football festival today at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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It will be the turn of U14 players to have a whole day of football when Northern Mariana Islands Football Association holds the second part of its series of football festival at the Hopwood Junior High School Field today.

Unlike the first festival last week at the San Antonio Elementary School Field that had a friendly competition in the U6 and U8 age groups, the U14 event will have the spring championship at stake.

All eight teams in the boys U14 will have chance for the spring title, while four squads will be vying for the girls tiara. The boys division is divided into two Groups with top placer MP United, Matansa FC, Independents FC, and Tan Holdings FC-2 in Group A. Group B has second placer Tan Holdings FC-1, MP United-White and Paire FC-Red and Paire FC-Black.

MP United finished the round-

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Team 1 took the early lead in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League, while Team 3 had a rousing debut after posting separate wins on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Team 1, which had an easy win over Team 6, 71-47, during the league's opener on Monday, had a tougher time in its second assignment, pulling off a 77-72 triumph against Team 5. The victory gave Team 1 the early lead in the six-team field.

In the second game, Team 3 debuted with a 93-39 demolition of the Lady Eagles.

Team 3 drew double figures from six players for a big 54-point win over the Lady Eagles.

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Team 1's Lia Rangamar, seen here going for a layup against two Team 6 players during the women's league opening game on Monday, scored 24 points in their 77-72 victory over Team 5 on Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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## NMA sets schedule for All Schools meet

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The three-day 2010 All Schools Athletics Championship will kick off on Thursday at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility.

Only four events are set in the first day of the meet on May 13, as various age groups will be competing in these events.

First up for the All Schools meet is the 200m sprint, which will have races in the boys and girls for the U8, U10, U12, 14, and U18 age groups. The 200m run will start at 5:30pm.

Next up is the softball throw, which is only for U8 and U10 age groups. At 6pm, NMA will have the 3,000 run, which will feature runners in all age groups.

The last event of the night starting at 6:15pm will be the javelin throw, which will have

competitions only in the U12, U14, and U18 divisions.

In the second day of the meet on May 14, NMA will have five events, starting with the 1,500m for all age groups

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One student takes his turn for the long jump qualifier, while others wait for their time during a trial for the 2010 All Schools Athletics Championships last month at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility.

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